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Seniors on the move

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

What else will happen before '98 ball falls?

Okay put down that list of New Years' Eve resolutions - there is still plenty of 1998 to go around.

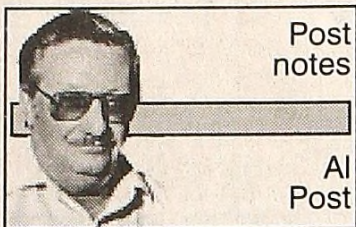
The 1998-99 basketball season may not start...but just think the major league baseball hot stove league is going great guns.

We already have our first \$100 million man - while All Star and prime Hall of Fame candidate Roger Clemens hasn't even signed a new contract yet.

They say the sky is the limit...is that why it is so dark lately?

Congress is off and we have no speaker or speaker-elect of the House. Any volunteers. Want to donate the speaker of your house?

Our year of headlines - both



Post notes

All Post

in sports and politics - are the most unique in years.

This week in fact President Clinton came out of church holding his daughter's hand. Who will it be next week.

Speaking of church, 1999 will be the Year of the Bible. Have you dusted your's off lately?

We still have a week to watch the stock market, await to see who will lead Israel, find out who will play in the national football champion-

ships, discover which companies will merge before the end of 1998 and what temperatures will greet us on New Years' Eve.

All Michigan road projects will be put off the rest of the year...unless the temperatures rise over 60 degrees before Sunday. Thus it would be a great time to visit Aunt Susie like you have been planning since 1997.

La Nina may return snow patterns to Las Vegas ... giving showgirls more chills and guys less thrills.

Santa could even merge with the Easter Bunny and you could find colored eggs in your Christmas stocking and coal in your Easter basket.

And if you think 1998 was crazy and unpredictable...just

think in 1999 even the calendar could change and your income taxes could become due

on April 1 and All Fools Day could become April 15.

Okay now that I've thor-

oughly confused you...get back to your New Years' resolutions.

Obituaries

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

BARNETT, JOHN M.
BRYANT, CHARLES LEE
COX, ETHEL NELL
ENGLISH, ELMO RUFUS
FULCHER, JEWELL D.
HILL, MARY ROSS
MURPHY, JR.,
MICHAEL J.
ODDO, MARGARET M.
POWEL, HELEN M.
SCHWINNE, ALICE R.
VASELY, MATILDA
WADE, DOROTHY L.
WEY, PATRICIA ANN

BARNETT, JOHN M.
Age 75 of Westland, passed away Dec. 13, 1998. Beloved husband of Katherine. Dear father of John Marie (Richard) Darling, Anna Ruth Carter, and David Paul (Dianna) Barnett. Also survived by sister Marie Helen (Howard) Day, 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 16 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

BRYANT, CHARLES LEE
Age 79 of Westland, passed away Dec. 17, 1998. Dear father of Charlotte (Russell, Jr.) Murphy, Barbara (Salvatore) Vitale, Charles David (Valerie), Mary (Robert) Harrison. Also survived by 1 sister, 2 brothers, 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife Gertrude Marie. Memorial services were held Dec. 18 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Cremation burial will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Wayne.

COX, ETHEL NELL
Age 86 of Wayne, passed away Dec. 16, 1998. Dear mother of Robert Truitt, Charles, Chester, Marvin, Arness, Billy and Dennis. Also survived by 2 sisters, 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Chester, 1 brother and 1 sister. Services were held Dec. 19 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

ENGLISH, ELMO RUFUS
Age 81 of Wayne, passed away Dec. 12, 1998. Dear father of Gary (Cathy), loved grandfather of Kerry and Erik. Preceded in death by his wife Hazel. Services were held Dec. 17 at Uht Funeral Home

in Westland with interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

FULCHER, JEWELL D.
Age 76 of Westland, passed away Dec. 12, 1998. Dear mother of David T., Tamara Dowler, Janice Lissinbe, Albert, William and David T. Also survived by 2 sisters and 1 brother. Services were held Dec. 16 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorials to American Cancer Society are appreciated.

HILL, MARY ROSS
Age 86 of Plymouth, passed away Dec. 12, 1998. Dear mother of Carol Ann Benner and Patricia K. (Bob) Conrad. Also survived by one sister, Barbara Cole, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Kenneth F., her parents James and Caroline Booth and 1 sister Nan Cash. Services were held Dec. 16 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth with interment at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

MURPHY, JR., MICHAEL J.
Resident of Westland, passed away Dec. 13, 1998. Beloved husband of Carolyn. Dear father of Michele, Christina (Bruce) Rhea, Tammy (Wha) Won and the late baby Michael. Dear grandfather of Michael, Mitchell, Spencer, Justice, Elubia and Murphy. Also survived by 4 sisters. Services were held Dec. 16 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

ODDO, MARGARET MARIE
Age 75 of Westland, passed away Dec. 15, 1998. Beloved wife of Jerome J. Dear mother of Katherine (Bernie) Carpenter, Steven (Gudrun), Frances (Bobby) Boyette, Josephine (Michael) Naimola, Barbara, and Phyllis (Scott) Baker. Also survived by 1 sister, 1 brother, 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 18 at St. Theodore Catholic Church with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

POWEL, HELEN MARIE

Age 79 of Canton, passed away Dec. 20, 1998. Dear mother of Jane P. (Hugh) Thomas. Loved grandmother of David, Hugh and Clay Blake-Thomas. Preceded in death by her parents Walter & Elizabeth Perdue. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

SCHWINNE, ALICE R.
Age 94 of Westland, passed away Dec. 15, 1998. Dear mother of Joan Blackwell. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her son Harold, 2 brothers and 1 sister. Services were held Dec. 18 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

VASELY, MATILDA
Age 91, passed away Dec. 16, 1998. Dear mother of Edward, Eugene, Maryann Sheehan, Elizabeth Ruffino, Catherine O'Leary, Vincent and John. Also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 18 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

WADE, DOROTHY L.
Age 67 of Belleville, passed away Dec. 14, 1998. Dear wife of the late Paul, loving mother of Linda Davis, Frances Davis, Donna Strome and Gary Wade. Also survived by 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 17 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

WEY, PATRICIA ANN
Age 58 of Westland, passed away Dec. 16, 1998. Beloved wife of Harold Ray Wey. Dear mother of Raymond Walter. Also survived by her mother Cassie Chrzanowski, 2 brothers and 1 grandson. Preceded in death by her father Walter Chrzanowski. Services were held Dec. 19 at St. Richard Catholic Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

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Theme parties are hot, says caterer

If you're hosting a New Year's Eve party this year, local caterer JoAnn Foote, Rose Foote's catering, has some tips that are sure to help.

Themes
Theme parties are hot, hot, hot this year. Not the run-of-the mill gathering, these fetes offer guest something unusual and special to remember. Foote said you're only limited by your imagination. Want an out-door barbecue? She can do that, yes, even in December. Hawaiian theme parties are particularly popular as winter sets in and people daydream about sandy beaches and balmy air.

A "Fifties Party," complete with guests in poodle skirts and Frankie Valley on the CD player is always fun, and as "comfort foods" have remained popular since their recent comeback, menu planning will be easier than ever.

Or create a theme around your entertainment. Magicians can be the perfect addition to any party, be it casual and informal or elegant. Psychics bring with them a mystical flair with a presence all their own. And jugglers can be the ideal top to a "Big Top" theme.

Often your caterer can help you find entertainment as part of their service, or can put you in touch with companies who can help.

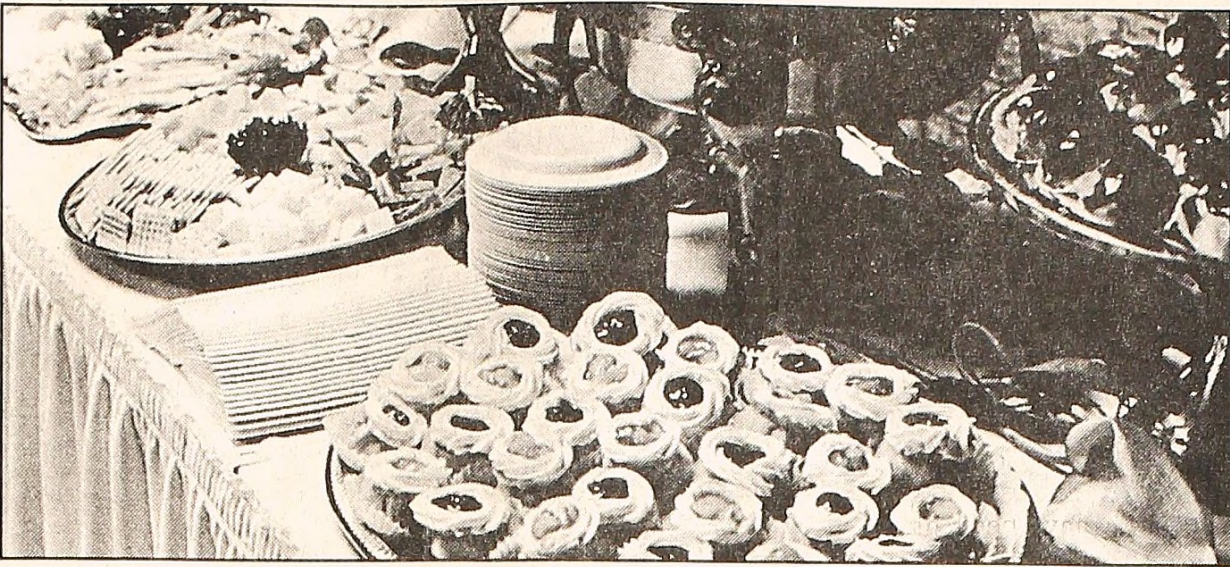
Menu
Buffet, or sit-down? This is still an ever-pressing question for hosts. Foote suggests buffet for home parties, especially on New Year's Eve. For starters, she said, New Year's Eve parties start later at night, so guests are likely to have already eaten before the party. Second, "It would be almost impossible to find a caterer who'll do a sit-down [party] on New Year's Eve," said Foote. This holiday is one of the busiest for caterers, so they often have difficulty finding enough staff for labor-intensive sit-down dinners.

But hors d'oeuvres lend themselves better to a New Year's Eve party and the possibilities are endless. Foote suggests discussing all choices with your caterer, and let the professionals get creative. But be sure to offer plenty of substantial foods, especially starchy foods which help to slow alcohol absorption.

Services
Caterers' services vary greatly, and so do their prices, but Foote said it is generally true that you get what you pay for.

Better and more experienced caterers typically offer more complete services, have a broader pool of contacts and more expertise. They also charge more; but in terms of headache saving, they can be well worth the price difference.

About 90 per cent of Footes



Hors d'oeuvres are the choice of most New Year's Eve hosts. Photo by Rose Foote's catering, Westland.

business is "drop off." She prepares the food and sets up according to the customer's wishes, including tables, chaffing dishes, etc. Then she drops the food off, and proceeds to her other engagements. "It's cheaper for the customer," she said, "And we get everything set up so it's carefree." She said it's typical once the last drop off is made for her and her staff to then return for a courtesy call each of the previous sites.

Waitstaff, bartenders and specialty service providers (such as meat carvers) can also be provided, but be prepared to pay for them. Industry standard wages are \$15 per hour for wait and bar staff and \$18 per hour for specialty services.

Be prepared, too, to pay a premium for holiday events. While Foote does not charge extra for New Year's Eve parties, some caterers do.

Round up
While parties can vary greatly in theme, cost and size, Foote said the average home party is about 40 people. This is quite an undertaking and Foote offers some final advice for making your party a success:

- Be organized. Sure, it's best to start planning well in advance. But even last-minute hosts can be sure to attend to every detail. If you're frazzled and stressed, let your caterer know. He or she may be able to offer advice and bring up issues you never thought of. Often caterers will arrange for floral arrangements, decorations, and the like. Your job is to be carefully consider the timing of the event. Be sure you give your caterer the right time table for the party, and of course the right address. If you can help by offering directions, you can be a real timesaver to your caterer. By helping your caterer avoid guesswork and last-minute changes, you'll eliminate the risk of chaos at your party.

- Know what you want. If you want the caterer to pay a courtesy call at a specific time, specify that ahead of time. If

you know how many hot dishes, how many salads and desserts you want, say so. If you don't know, admit it, so you and your caterer can plan together. If you have a hard time deciding, mention it before you meet with your caterer so he or she can plan on spending extra time helping you.

While you're exploring options, don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions and rely on

your caterer's expertise and advice. That's why you hired a professional in the first place.

- Make sure your guests don't drink and drive. Foote believes in this so strongly that she no longer offers an open-bar option for the parties she serves. For more ideas on how to keep your New Year's Eve party safe, see the recipes in this section.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 7, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-447

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 23, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-448

3A. No action taken.

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to allow parking on Second Street between Beverly and Van Born Roads on both sides of the street subject to the recommendation of the administration.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-449

4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Joanne Mosley.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-450

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-450

5A. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to approve the Interfund Debt Repayment schedule through September 30, 1998. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-451

5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve a loan of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) from the general fund to the Downtown Development Authority capital projects fund to be repaid at the rate of eight percent (8%) interest; and to authorize execution of a promissory note.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-452

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to authorize the Mayor to enter into one year contract with IBM for maintenance of the Mannesmann Tally printer in the amount of \$1,095.60 annually.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-453

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of a cost overrun in the amount of \$2,052.80 to Highway Maintenance & Construction Company for Bid 98-44 Joint and Crack Sealing program.

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 98-59 ONE 1999 ONE TON DUMP TRUCK

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., January 12, 1999. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED
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- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid price will be required.

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-454

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to award Bid 98-49 for one (1) half ton pick up truck with an eight foot box to Red Holman GMC for \$15,840.00 to be expended from the Vehicle and Equipment Fund.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-455

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to award Bid 98-50 for three (3) half ton pick up trucks with a 6 1/2 foot box to the only qualified bidder, Red Holman GMC, for a total amount of \$50,940.00 to be expended from the Vehicle and Equipment Fund.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-456

5G. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 98-51 for four (4) 1999 rear wheel drive cargo vans to the only qualified bidder, Red Holman GMC, for a total amount of \$67,792.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-457

5H. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla pursuant to Sec. 31-1 and 31-2 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances to adopt a resolution declaring a public improvement to be necessary to construct a four lane Class A road on Beverly Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads. Further, to direct the Assessor to prepare a list of all the real property affected by such improvement along with the names of the property owners; and to direct the City Engineer to prepare a detailed estimate of the materials and costs necessary for completion of the project and report same to City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-458

5I. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 98-54 for a computer network to Triangle Computer Corporation in the amount of \$16,984.00 for a base system and \$4,975.00 for hardware to be expended from the Computer Capital Outlay fund.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-459

6A1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 98/99-17 & 18 introduced at the meeting of November 23, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-459

6A2. No action taken.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 7, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: December 24, 1998

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

All of Gerbstadt Street (60 feet wide) and all of those portions of Talor Street (30 foot East half-width) and Beverly Road (43 foot North half-width) dedicated to the use of the public in Taylor's Small Farm Subdivision of part of the N.E. 1/4 of Section 2, T. 3 S., R. 8 E., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, recorded in Liber 70 of Plats on Page 67, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
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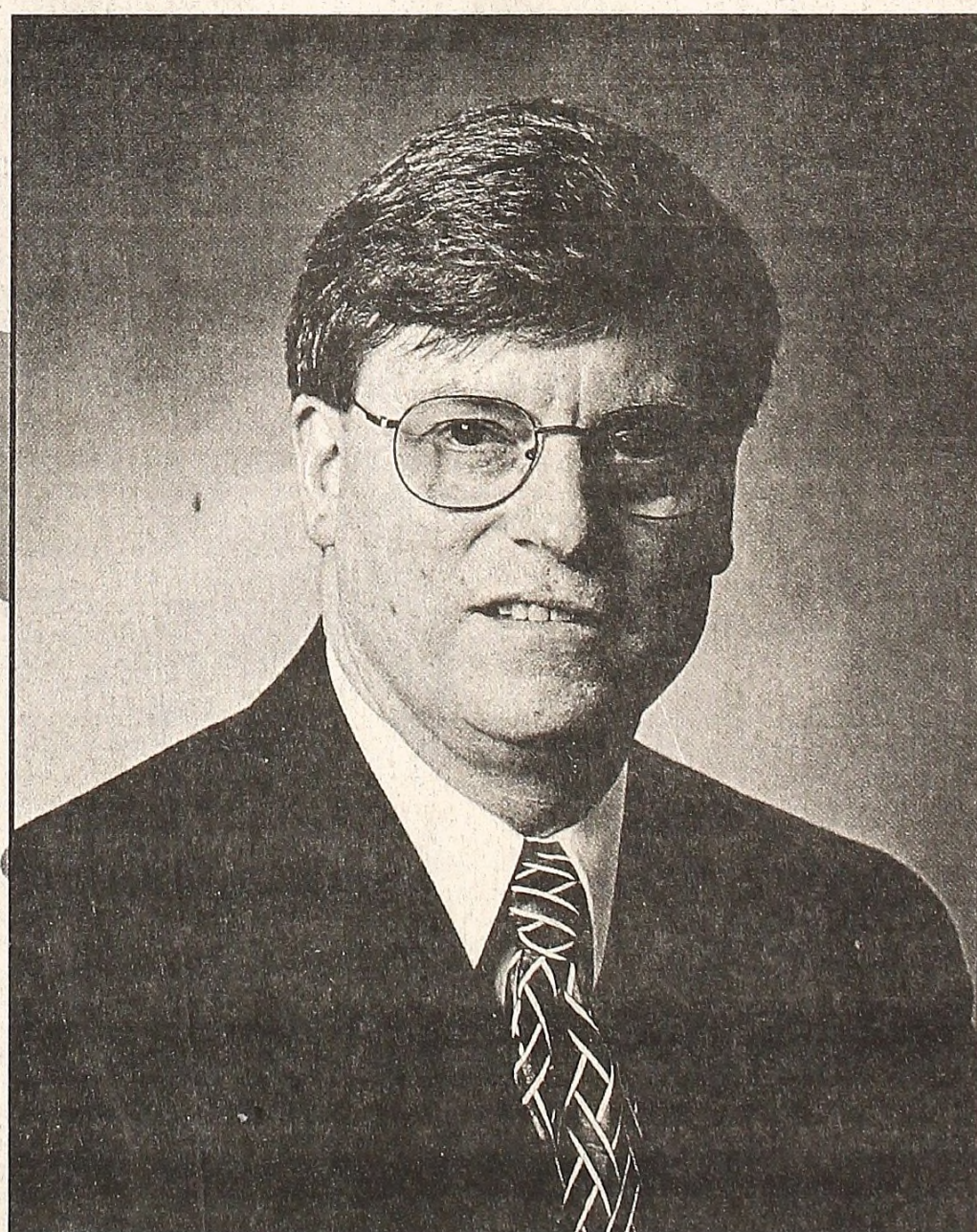
As we approach the holidays, giving thanks is in keeping with the spirit of the season. On November 3rd, residents of Wayne County made a decision to support the Education First ballot initiative granting Wayne County Community College District its first permanent millage. The confidence expressed by this community in the work we have done and the role we must play in providing services to this region was significant. Those who said yes to Education First sent a very strong and important message of support. It signals the end to the past - an era of doubt where some questioned the viability of the college - and the beginning of a new era of challenge, collaboration and opportunity.

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Your vote of confidence challenges Wayne County Community College District to provide and ensure a learning environment of quality, accountability and responsiveness. Your investment in us will come back exponentially in the form of continued prosperity and growth for future generations. If you or your organization has an educational need, we are eager and able to provide the solution.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, President, faculty, students and administrative support staff, thank you for helping to establish a firm foundation for Wayne County Community College District. Thank you for making Education First!

Sincerely,



Paul R. Loeber
Provost, Western Campus

People

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

People you know

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Glenn Johnson has been named plant manager of the GKN Sinter Metals plant of Romulus. Manfred Weber, vice president of operations revealed recently.

GKN Sinter Metals recently purchased the former Borg Warner-Automotive plant. It is a major supplier of connecting rods to General Motors and Daimler Chrysler.

Johnson, 38, will be responsible for all operations at the Romulus plant and will report to Weber.

He formerly was employed by Tenneco Automotive in Sterling Heights and by Ford Motor Co. in Romeo.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. Both degrees are in electrical engineering.

Orlando C. James, son of Justina Encarnacion of Inkster, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on Dec. 16.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex., he is scheduled to receive technical training in the electronics career field.

Robert R. Jones, president of the Robert R. Jones Associates, has been elected president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders for 1999.

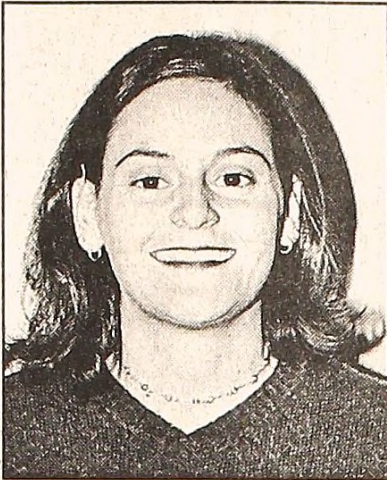
Three area Madonna University seniors will be among those listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Nominations are based on scholastic and community achievement.

The students include:
Laurie Bader of Wayne is majoring in nursing and is a recipient of the Madonna University Catholic Student Award. In addition to being involved in the campus ministry, Bader is vice president of the university's Nursing Student Association.

Al Fuciarelli of Westland is pursuing a bachelor's in business administration and pre-law. He also is a member of the School of Business' Student Advisory Council.

Gwynne Marie Irvin of Inkster is majoring in journalism and public relations. She is a member of the African Centered Association.



Laurie Bader



Al Fuciarelli



Gwynne Marie Irvin

Area birth reports

Summer Ann Patterson, daughter of Julie and Todd Patterson of Romulus, was born Aug. 22, 1998 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces and measured 20 inches.

She joins a sister, Courtney Jean, at home.

Her grandparents include Margaret and Art Machcinski of Romulus and Pat and Mary Jo Patterson of Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Tara Ann Marlow, daughter of Laura Campbell of Belleville and Earnest Marlow and Colorado Springs, Co., was born

Nov. 4, 1998 at Garden City Hospital's birthing center.

She weighed six pounds and three ounces at birth and measured 20 inches.

She joins a sister, Ariel Marlow, 16 months.

Her grandparents include Ernest and Margie Marlow of Colorado Springs, Co. and James and Fern Campbell of New Boston.

Wanja Jahmal Elfe, son of Charleen Latrice Elfe of Wayne, was born on Nov. 7, 1998 at Garden City Hospital.

He weighed seven pounds and three ounces at birth and measured 20 and 1/2 inches.

Tailen Marcel Toliver, son of Tanya Mills of Inkster and Tony Toliver of Romulus, was born Nov. 8, 1998 at Garden City Hospital.

He weighed seven pounds and seven ounces at birth and measured 20 and a half inches.

Katherine Joy Loveday, daughter of Michael Allan and Alisa Faith Loveday of Wayne, was born Nov. 9, 1998 at Garden City Hospital's birthing center.

She weighed seven pounds and 11 ounces at birth and measured 21 inches.

Area marines help in beach clean-up

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Six area marines recently joined other U.S. Marines and Okinawan businessmen in a one day beach clearing project, removing debris from the mile-long Koki Beach.

The Marines from the Second Battalion, 8th Marines joined with Okinawan citizens in an Earth Citizens Day, a Japanese national holiday.

They also joined in painting and maintenance project at the Airakuen Leprosarium on nearby Yagaji Island.

The service men included:

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Christmas wishes to a few special friends

Tis the Christmas season, time for giving to those you love. My Christmas list has expanded greatly this year and I thought I'd share part of it with you. Here goes:

-To Westland Mayor Bob Thomas- a thicker skin so that wise guys like myself or writer Ivan Helfman don't bother him so much. The Bobster could be a much better mayor if he let the potshots slide off his skin.

-Romulus Mayor Bill Oakley- ditto. Don't let the critical-ones get you down. Life's too short to worry about us.

- Inkster Schools- Finding a bag of \$100 bills buried in a school playground. This school system needs money and lots of it. Santa Engler is not going to come to the rescue like school board members hope.

- The Belleville Girl's Basketball Team- a spoonful of recognition. They went further in the state basketball tournament than any school in our area has in a long time yet ink was hard to come by. Three cheers, girls.

-Ken Warfield, Wayne mayor and senatorial candidate- Just a few more votes from his Ford plant buddies and he would be seated in Lansing come January 4.

-Doug Wicklund, Environmental Disposal Services head honcho- I hope this genuine nice guy gets the deepwell site his firm has been actively seeking for the better part of a decade.

-Bassam Ajami, BP gas station proprietor- All my Islamic friend wishes for is a bright, Spring day when the Van Buren truck stop he has sought for four years finally breaks ground.

-Deb Whyman, retiring legislator- How about a handshake with members of the Triangle Association? Naw, that won't happen. Deb would prefer a hitman to take out the club's president, Jeff Montgomery.

-Trish Brown, defeated Wayne-Westland school board candidate- a move to Inkster where she can really raise a lot of ruckus with a school board that needs to be called on the carpet.

-Mildred Evans, Westland gadfly- Peace and happiness, although it is sad it will probably never happen. Readers will be happy to know, although now living in Kentucky, Mildred continues to rant and rave about bureaucratic hangups.

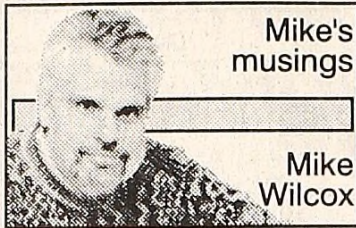
-Ben E Jet, bandleader, promoter and writer- A follow-up to his hit single, Dumb Girls. Maybe the new title will be a little more politically correct, however. How about, Chauvinistic Bandleaders?

-Chuck Little, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent- A Jerry Vorva doll complete with voodoo pins so that the super can practice some of that oldtime Haitian magic.

-Freddie Russell, Romulus superstar soon-to-be U of M running back- A freshman year that nets 30 less TD's than 1998. That number would still make one of Michigan's alltime leading high school scorers a collegiate superstar.

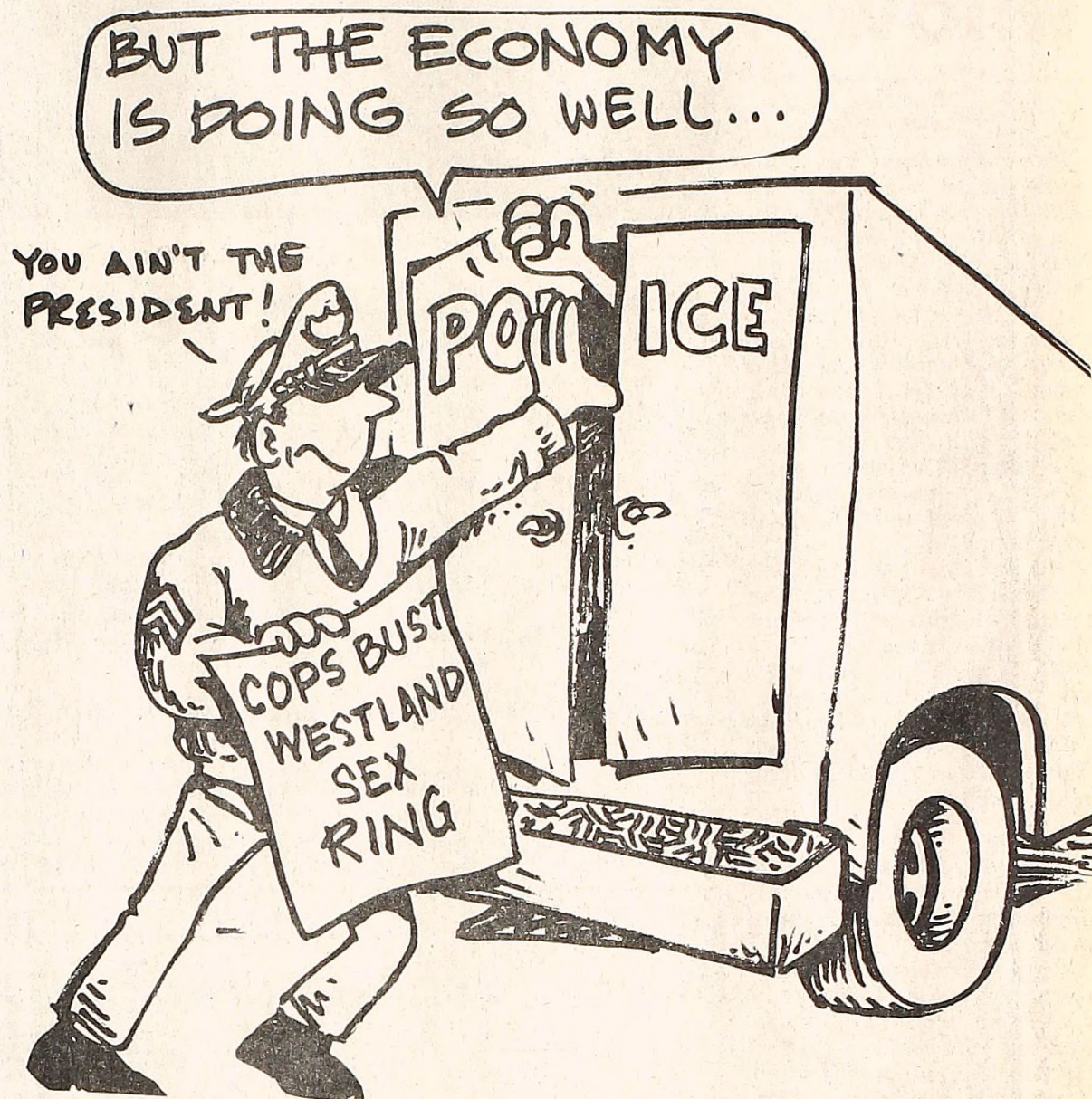
-Dennis Fassett, Belleville's only recalled ex-mayor- A get-together with President Clinton, only the second president to be impeached, and possibly soon-to-be ex, as well.

-Sen George Hart, state senator under fire for calling his opponent a dancer and escort- Several free passes to the local strip club of his choice where he can view the real thing.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Clinton looms over gray Christmas

Snow would make it seem more like Christmas, but snow has been in short supply during the winter of the warmest year of the century.

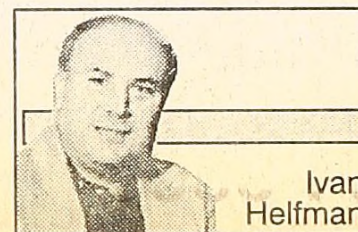
Snow - or was it hail - fell for a little while last week. It swirled in stiff cold wind. Some even fell to the ground, where, if you looked closely, you could see a stubble of white flakes before they dissolved in gusts.

With the warm weather, Christmas is not in the scenery. It's in the shops, with their 6 a.m. bargains, and in the spirit that prompts local service organizations, like the Goodfellows, to reach out to the needy. It's at Hines Park, if you can handle a drive-by Christmas. It's at Domino's Farms, if you can handle a \$7 drive-by Christmas.

But I must tell you, this year's Christmas scenery lacks more than snow.

Many are disgusted with the impeachment hearings that have polarized the country, setting three quarters of Americans, who are loyal to their imperial president, against the House Republicans, who voted to put Bill Clinton on trial for lying on what used to be a private matter.

While readers of this column may recall that I defended Clinton's right to privacy as soon as the sex scandal story broke and the feeding frenzy started. I defended Clinton even though he seems to think that he is the only one entitled to a private life; otherwise, why would he have handed over confidential FBI files of private citizens to his political operatives? Or why does he contin-



Ivan Helfman

ue to support extreme sexual harassment policies that seek to turn almost every aspect of human relations into a potential court case?

Nevertheless, it is still my opinion that Clinton should not be tossed out of office for seeking to keep his sexual life a private matter between himself, his wife, and his intern.

I even admire Clinton for lying to people for prying into his life, though I would admire him more if he would work to restore the right of privacy for the rest of us.

The witch hunt into Clinton's sexual life seems to be one of the main reasons that people are turning against the Republicans this Christmas, tainting the Christmas season for many.

And why many Americans turned to Clinton when he appeared with the House Democrats and announced his decision to carry on as president, fighting to save social security and to improve health care for HMO members.

Symbolically, he drove in a convoy with his supporters that reminded some of the OJ convoy.

I heard Clinton's vow to carry on on my car radio. I was driving with my 13-year-old daughter down Liberty Street in Ann Arbor. It was turning dark, but I could see what I thought were Christ-

mas lights at a small public square.

"Stop," said my daughter. "I want to protest the bombing."

I stopped and saw a line of people, many wearing white makeup, holding flaming candles in tinted glasses. Some held signs saying things like, "Clinton lies, Iraqis die."

I didn't stop, but this Christmas scene haunted me. Part of it was that I had never seen a candlelight protest before. Part of it was that I can't believe how few Americans object to Clinton's sudden decision to bomb tiny Iraq over the objections of China, France, Russia, and almost all Arab nations.

The bombing, which seems to have murdered and maimed many civilians, comes in the midst of a US-led embargo against Iraq that has, according to an independent conservative estimates, claimed the lives of 239,000 children, 5 years old and under, since 1990.

Clinton's barbaric bombing of a weak country and the deliberate starving of its women and children for personal political purposes, not his perjury about private matters, is, in my opinion, the reason he should go.

But most Americans are rallying around this ruthless man who will stop at nothing - even bombing starved women and children - to hold on to power.

It will take more than a white Christmas and Santa's "Ho! Ho!Ho!" to bring Peace on Earth to a nation that starves foreign babies - it will take a miracle, starting with Clinton's resignation.



Thanks a Million

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Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

A Chance For The Sandman To Do His Job

Dear Mr. Percy: Well, it took 2 years from shelter to shelter and the streets in-between, but me and my 4 kids finally have our own place. People take so much for granted. What we wouldn't give to sleep on beds again. We have a few chairs and a table, but no beds, no couch. It's a long story what happened to us, but let me warn your readers. It could happen to them, too. You miss a couple of paychecks, lose your job, go a little crazy and suddenly you're out of the system. Mr. Ross, you seem to help those who are rebuilding their lives, not destroying them. Please find it within your heart to help us, too.

Ms: P. W. ... *The News*, Northfield, MN

I wet the bed every night, but don't let that stop you from sleeping with me!" See? Besides, at age 16 I've given up hope of ever growing out of it.

Miss T. B. ... *Pennysaver*, Tulsa, OK

Dear Miss B.: That's a horrible secret to carry within yourself because it causes so much shame. Let's turn that around. I suggest you try the American Enuresis Foundation's program. The cost is \$450 and their success rate is darn good if you follow the program religiously. Best part is it is achieved without any miracle pills or gadgetry. I wish you endless results by way of my forthcoming check.



Mr. Ross: I want to share an observation you have made many times, but it took an earth shattering event for me to drive it home. Two weeks ago my biggest concern was money! Money to replace an ailing clothes dryer and dishwasher, new carpet-maybe a real vacation. Then I was diagnosed with breast cancer and found I had wealth beyond belief. My husband is a rock-he's there to do whatever, whenever. Our four grown children and their families have shown love and support beyond my imagination. I have what money can't buy-a family who loves me. Now I have to get better-they won't settle for less!

Mrs. J. S. ... *Herald & Review*, Decatur, IL

Dear Mrs. S.: I can see why you have the love and support of family-you have a darn good attitude. Hearing the "C" word isn't as scary nowadays, especially with certain forms like breast cancer, which if detected early can be cured. Thanks for the attitude check. It's easy to become filled with self-pity, even if you're not battling cancer.

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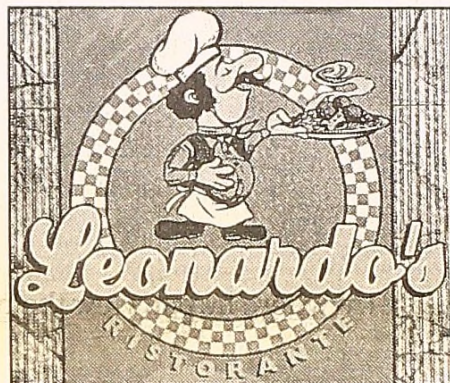
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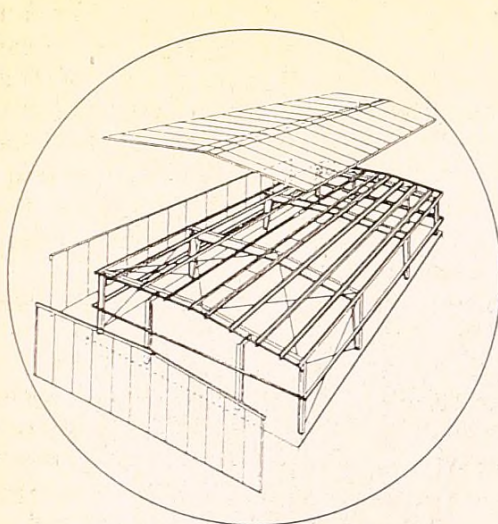
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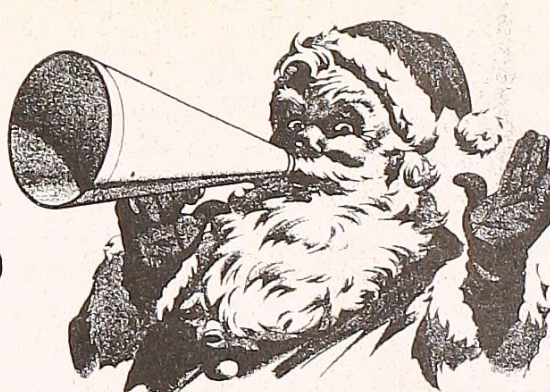
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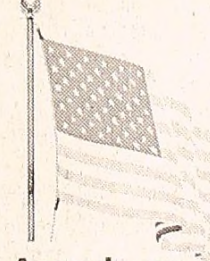
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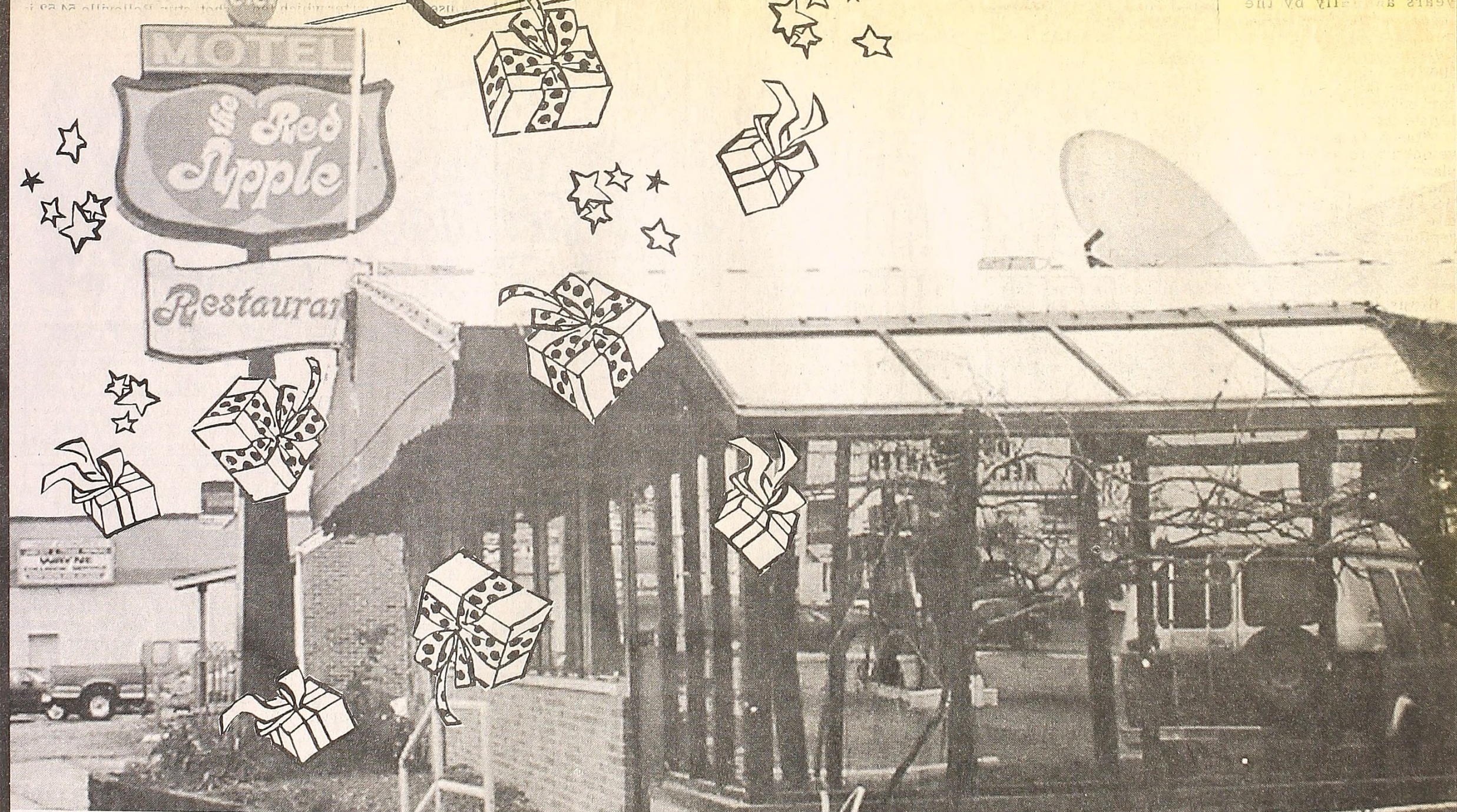
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Schuette: "Playing the waiting game"

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Like a sleeping giant, Westland John Glenn's basketball team may some day awake and take its place among the great teams in the area.

Coach Mike Schuette knows he has a talented bunch of players, who have yet to reach their potential on the hardwood.

A victory over arch-rival, Wayne Memorial, appeared to be the wake-up call that the Rockets were waiting for. But, Adrian put the frustrated Rockets back into the "Loss"

column 61-57 and Schuette is probably wondering, "What happened?"

What did happen was that the Westlanders had a horrendous night at the free throw line where they made only five of 13 attempts. And they also lost count on the number of turnovers the team committed against a well-balanced Adrian team.

"We have players who are not playing up to their potential," said Schuette, who, for the first time in recent years, will not take his team to a holiday tournament. (The Rockets' next game is scheduled for

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- Mike Schuette

Jan. 5 when they take on non-conference opponent Ypsilanti on the home floor.)

"If we can eliminate our mistakes and play four quar-

ters of solid basketball, we will be able to play with anyone," Schuette stressed. "However, at this point, we need to work hard to iron out the kinks."

Glenn wasted a season high from junior Eric Jones who pumped in 21 points in the losing cause against Adrian.

Adrian worked its way to a 13-11 lead in the first period, then increased their advantage by six (31-25) for two quarters as the Rockets failed to find the scoring power to take the lead.

With Jones, joined by Ben Harris and Bill Foder providing the scoring power, Glenn closed within a basket in the third period but went into the fourth period trailing by seven (46-39).

Adrian came out with an 8-0 run and appeared to have put the game out of reach when Jones' trey and a Stephan Woods' basket cut Adrian's lead to six. With Jones' jumper, Glenn came within four of catching up, 61-57, but Adrian managed to thwart the Rockets' final surge.

Adrian got a superb performance from Matt Kohn, who walked off the floor with individual scoring honors. He had 24. Glenn, whose record dipped to 1-2 on the year, collected double figures from Jones who had 21, while Foder checked in with 15.

Goins closes in on record

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

He never played basketball as a freshman or a junior in high school.

But he developed into one of the best all-around basketball players in the history of Westland John Glenn.

In fact, some say that they have never seen another like Tony Goins, who is scoring at a record pace at Wayne State University.

A member of the elite All-Area Basketball Club, a team selected for the past 35 years annually by the then *Associated Newspapers* and presently *Michigan Community Newspapers'* sport staff, the 6-6 Goins will have the Tartar scoring record before he ends his collegiate career.

"Tony has grown and developed into a complete player as he excels on both ends of the court," notes WSU head coach Ron Hammye. "He has become an exceptional team player and he know that the success of this team depends on how well he plays each game."

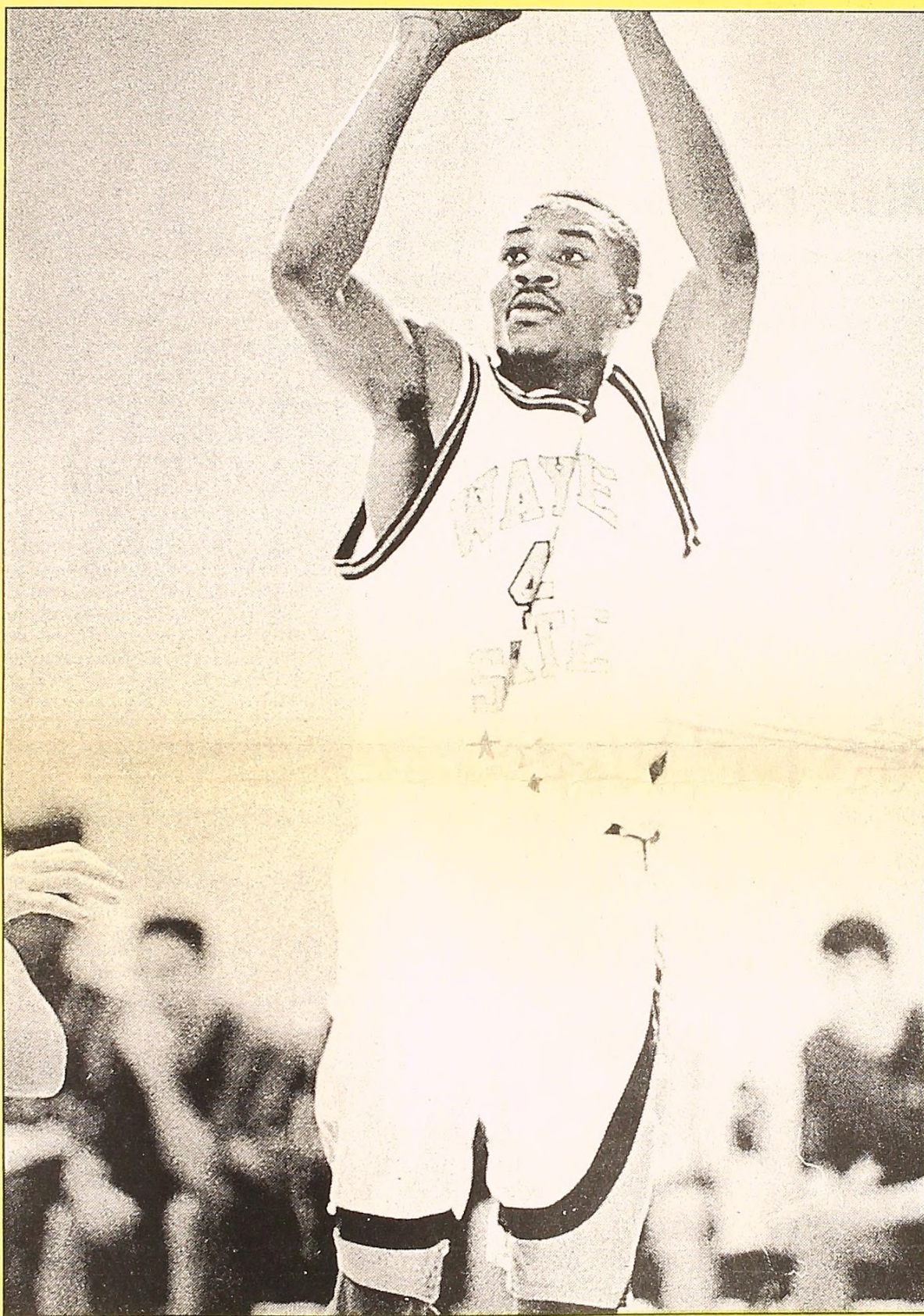
Goins has not disappointed his teammates or his coach.

"On breaking the level, Tony has been very levelheaded," Hammye continues. "I think this is a great achievement for him, but I really don't think he's thought much about it."

"He is a team player who is more concerned on how the team is doing rather than breaking individual records."

But Goins is on the doorstep of WSU's records.

The versatile player has currently scored 1482 career points and needs only 131 more to become the Tar-



Former Westland John Glenn great Tony Goins is on the verge of setting WSU's scoring records.

tars' all-time leading scorer. Currently the record is held by former WSU great, Bob Solomon who tossed in 1612 points during the 1970-73 period.

It looks like Goins should break the record sometime in early January. School officials have circled Jan. 7 or Jan. 14 as the history dates

in which Goins will be playing home games.

In addition to his outstanding individual scoring efforts, Goins also is fifth on the Tartar chart in career field goals (554) and his name can be found fourth in field goal attempts (1180).

Goins also has scored in double figures in eight of

WSU's nine games, and has come close to three double-doubles adding nine rebounds once and eight rebounds twice.

In WSU's nine games, Goins has scored 20 or more points in six of them, including a career high 32 against

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Nowak, Smith lead Wayne to first victory

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial and coach Chuck Henry may be 0-2 in out-of-conference competition, but they opened up the Mega Conference, Red Division phase of the basketball campaign last week with an impressive 54-45 victory over Ypsilanti.

With guards Sean Nowak and Taron Smith pumping in 23 and 12 points respectively, the Zebras took command of the game early and worked their way from a 15-8 lead to a 33-22 advantage at the half.

"We were up by 20 at one point in this game," said Henry, "but they made a run at us in the stretch. Our kids managed to hold them off."

Wayne played a cat-and-mouse third quarter which led to a low-scoring 7-3 period, but both teams came out shooting in the finale with the Braves outscoring their divisional opponents 20-14.

Ypsi's Kevin Harris led the comeback as he fired in four three-points to cut the Wayne lead to four points.

Nowak, a junior guard, scored a career high 23 while Smith, also a junior, had 12.

Smith may be lost to the Zebras for the season. He reportedly was involved in an auto accident that sent him to the University of Michigan Hospital for treatment. Hospital officials reported on Monday that the Wayne athlete is in "fair" condition, but would not release any further details about the injuries or the accident.

"I really don't know the extent of his (Smith's) injuries," said Henry. "We have been in contact with the hospital."

Henry has now at least two starters sidelined with injuries.

Wayne is scheduled to return to action at 8 p.m. on Dec. 30 when the Zebras will play in the Superintendent's Classic, hosted by the Detroit Superintendent of Schools Eddie Green.

Wayne will play Cass Tech in the 8 p.m., game scheduled

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for the Cobo Arena.

In the meantime, both Plymouth-Salem and Dearborn Heights Robichaud remained perfect on the season as the two local teams chalked up their third consecutive victories.

Salem, with the help of Aaron Rypkowski's last second shot, stun Belleville 54-52 in a classic duel waged on the Tiger court.

Belleville, behind All-Area guard, C.J. Grantham, grabbed a 16-9 lead and stayed up by a trey, 34-31, by the time the two teams left the floor at intermission.

Belleville used the press to force Salem into 22 turnovers, which the Rocks managed to overcome in the final eight minutes to rally for the big victory.

Grantham finished the evening with a game high 16 points, while teammate Kevin Harrison added 10.

Rypkowski led Salem in the scoring column with 15, and Tony Jancevski added 10 while Adam Wilson chipped in 11 for the Rocks.

In the meantime, Robichaud remained on a roll as it posted a big victory over Romulus 65-61 in a crossover Mega Conference game. Coach Monte Dennard's Bulldogs got 19 points from Chris Walker, who led his team's scorers.

Romulus 6-8 center Chris Garwood looked good in his second outing as he hit the nets for a game high 23 points.

The loss left Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice and the Eagles with an 0-2 record for the young season.

Belleville wins Canton Wrestling Invitational title

Jackson posts his 100th win

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville unleashed its awesome wrestling power at the Plymouth- Canton Wrestling Invitational and coasted to the team championship. With the tournament title in hand, the Tigers have sent a message to the Mega Conference that they will be a power to contend with this season on the mats.

Belleville compiled 297

points at the nine-team tournament and boasted 91.5 points more than the second-best team.

Runner-up was Dearborn Fordson, which had 205.5 points.

Trailing the top two finishers were, in order, the host, Canton (184), Ann Arbor Pioneer (165.5), Allen Park (162), New Boston Huron (135), Inkster (124), Ann Arbor Huron (97), and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (9).

Individual results were not available at press time on Monday and the results will appear in next week's edition.

However, Inkster's premier wrestler, Keith Jackson, picked up three victories at Canton to soar over the century mark. The achievement provided him with a Certificate of Recognition issued by the *Michigan High School Wres-*

tling Coaches Association to wrestlers who have 100 or more career victories.

"He is a great competitor," said Inkster coach Sam Ellis, of his 171-pound senior grappler. "At Canton he wrestled some outstanding wrestlers."

But Jackson wasn't able to pick up a gold.

For the third consecutive tournament, the 171-pounder had to settle for silver after losing to currently undefeated Ann Arbor Pioneer senior Chris Kirby.

Kirby managed to carve out a 3-0 decision in the finals to earn the gold medal.

But en route to the finals, Jackson strung together three victories to give him 101 career victories on the mat. In the first round, it took Jackson all of 33 seconds to dispose of New Boston Huron's Matt Es-

pinosa.

Then, in the second round, Jackson came across Fordson's Mike Dakhallallah and also pinned his opponent in 2:52.

It took a little more time in the semifinal round, but Jackson did register a fall in 4:55 over Allen Park's Ryan Jones.

"The 100 victory is a special milestone in a high school wrestler's career," Ellis stressed. "In the 27 years of coaching, Jackson is only the seventh wrestler I have coached who has reached that high plateau."

Ellis did have a champion at Canton. His heavyweight, Robert Jackson, Keith's younger brother who is only a sophomore won all four of his matches.

Robert had his problems in the finals where he met and

turned back Fordson's Bilal Amwor by the narrowest of margins, 1-0. He also defeated Derek McWatt of Canton in 1:44 of the first round and removed Chris Latorre of Ann Arbor Pioneer from contention in 2:55 in the semis.

Inkster's 152-pounder, Marlon Franklin, also came home with a silver after being defeated in the championship round by state qualifier Jake Short of Pioneer.

The Ann Arbor senior won a major decision over the Viking, 16-0.

But Franklin managed to post a pair of victories via falls. In his first match he defeated New Boston Huron's Ryan Pappas, in 1 minute, and dropped Fordson's Hassan Chouiab into the loss column in 1:56.

Franklin also earned a close 4-3 decision over Robert Demsick of Canton.

The Vikings had two of their wrestlers reached the consolation finals: Robert Hudson finished third at 125 after beating Crestwood's Thao Nguyen by a technical foul, while teammate Chauncey Darden was also third at 130.

Darden beat Canton's Greg Musser 8-6 for his bronze.

Inkster placed fourth at the 189 weight class with Jonathan Miles, who split with his four opponents.

Ellis's wrestlers remain undefeated in the Mega Conference, Blue Division after whipping Highland Park and also burying Hamtramck, 54-17, in a non-conference meet.

The Vikings will return to the mats on Jan. 6 when they clash with Willow Run. On Jan. 9, Fordson will be their opponent.

Wayne pins arch-foe Glenn on the mats

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn may rule the Wayne-Westland School District in football and basketball, but when it comes down to wrestling, the honor belongs to coach Dave Davis's Zebras at Wayne.

In a toe-to-toe confrontation last week, Wayne won eight of the 14 weight matches en route to an impressive 41-30 victory over their counterparts from Westland.

Chris Smith in 1:04, Wayne took the lead for good.

Wayne also got pins from Paul Goyt (125), Nate Wensko (135), and James Wallace (heavyweight).

Here are the results of the dual meet that decided bragging rights in wrestling in the Wayne-Westland schools (Names of Wayne wrestlers appear first):

- 103 - Robin Ochalek was decisioned by Carlos Janmons, 17-2
- 112 - Mike Kassabri decisioned Jesse Purden, 12-2
- 119 - Jon Gregg pinned Chris Smith, 1:04
- 125 - Paul Goyt pinned Evan Waddell, 0:27
- 130 - Justin Beseler was decisioned by Jeff Albrecht, 8-6 (OT)
- 135 - Nate Wensko pinned Eric McMichael, 3:13
- 140 - Melissa Fogarty decisioned Alan Waddell, 12-5
- 145 - Ken Raupp decisioned Chris Wolfgang, 9-7
- 152 - Wayne voided to Joe Reilly
- 160 - Kurt Spann was pinned by Keith Langer, 1:56
- 171 - Jason Quinn was decisioned by Matt Barker, 16-6
- 189 - Tim Grzecki was pinned by Javonn Perkins, 1:12
- 215 - Kevin McLaughlin won on a void
- HWY.- James Wallace pinned Terry Peterson, 1:20

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Shining Stars

The Stars were brilliant this season in the Westland Youth Athletic Association Volleyball Conference. With an incredible 34-2-0 overall record, which included a 6-1 run in the playoffs, they claimed the Varsity League and the Tournament Championships. Team members included Stephanie Laney (kneeling, from left) and Meredith Gorecki. In the second row are Lee Ann Kobylarek, Nicole Quinn, Nikki Worthington, Robin Rodriguez and coach Steve Laney. Not available at the time of the photo are team members Keri Isler and Tracey Puppe.

Batten breaks world record

Belleville's C. J. Batten got himself another weightlifting record last week.

The 54-year-old world record-holder set a new World Masters Bench Press record when he successfully negotiated 222.5 kilograms or 490 pounds in the 125-pound weight class.

Batten, a Belleville industrialist, was the only lifter from Michigan competing in the International Lifters Federation competition.

Batten has managed to break the world record annually since 1994, and the only other world record broken at this event was by Hiro Isagawa of Japan who did it in the 132-pound class when he lifted 409 pounds in the bench press.

Batten will be hosting the Fourth Annual Bench Press and Powerlifting Conference in the city of Romulus next month.

The conference is scheduled for Jan. 30-31 and will feature at least eight lifters, all of whom are world champions in their respective weight classes.

Among those who will be featured at the conference is James Henderson, a 700-pounder-plus bench press phenomena from Florida and also on the program will be Michigan's own 600-pound plus bench presser and Bench Press National Champion, Horace Lane.

For additional information about the conference, contact A. J. Batten at 734-946-9850.

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Wayne State College of Nebraska.

Also impressive is Goins's defensive stats.

He leads the team in blocked shots (10), points (186), scoring average (20.7)

and is second in rebound average with 5.4 rebounds (49) and is third in assists with 15.

Most John Glenn fans believe that if Goins would have played basketball all four years, all of the Rocket scoring and rebounding rebounds would be his.

But, then, you can't have it all can you?

Golden signs to play softball

A Belleville High all-around athlete will continue her education and softball career at Michigan State University.

School officials recently announced that Robyn Golden, a senior, has verbally committed

to play softball at Michigan State University in the fall of 1999.

An All-State and All-Area standout, Robyn has played in every inning of every varsity game for the Tigers since com-

ing to Belleville as a freshman.

She is considered one of the finest players to compete for the Tigers on the diamond, and Belleville has produced two Class A state championship teams over the past two decades.

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United Methodist Church plans expansion in '99

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Community United Methodist Church of Romulus is planning its first roast beef dinner of 1999 and uniquely it was announced the funds raised will be used to aid a planned church expansion program.

Pastor Bill Kren revealed Sunday that "the food has already been donated so that all the money raised will go to the building fund." The dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 9. Carry outs also can be arranged, Kren said, by calling 941-0736.

Kren said the church's building committee has been meeting with architects to plan such a building expansion in 1999. Those plans will be made public soon, Kren said.

This will be the first addition to the church (located across the street from Romulus Police Headquarters at Bibbins and Olive streets).

The church was erected and opened on Sept. 6, 1981, three years after the earlier church was heavily damaged by fire.

Numerous Christian churches will conduct Christmas Eve services and some -- particularly Catholic churches -- also will hold Christmas Day services to mark the birth of Jesus Christ this week.

After years of being known as the *Koinonia*, the official name of the monthly **Community United Methodist Church** newsletter has been switched to *The Beacon*.

The church conducted a recent contest to change the name of the newsletter. The winning name was offered by Marguerite Silvey.

The Beacon will be initiated in January 1999.

The Bergen family (Dan and his children, Nicholas and Alicia) will provide a concert at 6 p.m. Jan. 3 at the **Calvary Baptist Church** of Canton.

Dan -- the father -- has been holding concerts and been involved in church ministry's for more than two decades.

He is an alumnus of Cedarville College and plays the piano.

His son, Nicholas, 17, sings and plays the alto saxophone. Last year he released his first solo recording *Upon this Rock*.

His daughter, Alicia, 13, sings and plays the violin.

The church is located at 43065 Joy road in Canton (between Joy and Sheldon roads.)

The public is invited and a free-will offering will be taken.

A 10-week Alpha Course will be offered at the **Northville Christian Assembly Church** beginning at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 10.

The course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith and offers answers to the most asked questions about Christianity.

It begins each evening with refreshments followed by a large group learning session and concludes in small group discussions.

Space is limited to the first 150 persons. For more information call 248-348-9030.

Four **Salvation Army** mobile canteens were dispatched to St. Cloud, Minn. recently following an explosion that killed three persons and injured more than 20.

The blast occurred when construction crews hit a natural gas line in Court House Square.

Salvation Army officials provided food and beverages for rescue workers and pastoral counseling for survivors of the victims.

Madonna University will be offering a workshop on *The Spirituality of Aging* for the winter term.

The classes will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. March 19 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 20 and April 10.

The course introduces students to the spiritual tasks of the elder years with an emphasis on integrating the understanding into their work with older adults.

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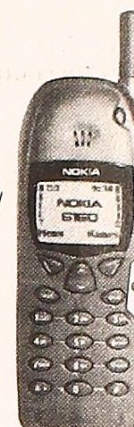
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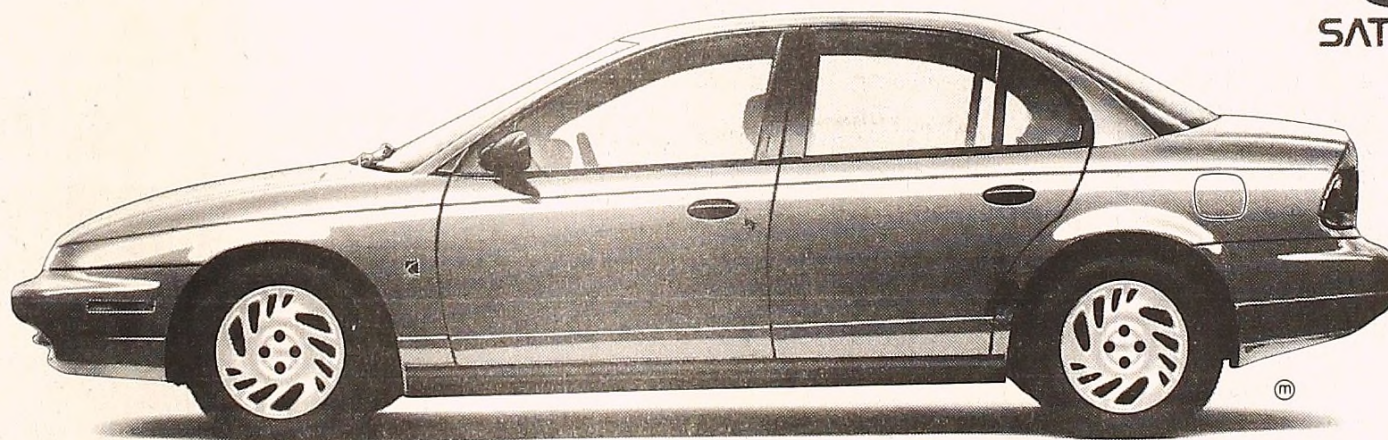
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EAT RIGHT/THINK CLEAN by Eugene Clark will be offered from Jan. 15-Feb. 27 at the Center Galleries, Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design, in Detroit. For more information call Michele Spivak at 313-664-7806.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS VISIT Globetrotters' World Tour will stop off at 1 p.m. Jan. 30 at The Palace in Auburn Hills. Tickets ranging from \$11.50 to \$18 can be charged to credit cards by calling 248-645-6666. Two dollar discounts can be obtained for senior citizens 60 and over and for children 12 and under.

CHILI GOLF OUTING will be started at 9 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver road, Ann Arbor. Golfers will take part in six holes in the snow (that is if there is snow) and then conclude with a hot chili meal. Cost is \$12 per person. Deadline for registering is Dec. 30. For more information call 734-971-6840.

TOY AND HOBBY EXPO returns to the Novi Expo Center featuring the world's largest mobile model railroad display from 3 to 9 p.m. Dec. 26 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 27. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4 to 12. Parking is \$4. For more information call 734-455-2110.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. each second Monday of the month at 9318 Newburgh road (between Joy road and Ann Arbor trail in Canton. All veterans, both male and female, who served from Jan. 1, 1959 to May 7, 1975 are eligible to join regardless of duty station. For more information call Don Dignan at 313-845-3752 or 734-525-0157.

WINTER HOSPICE COURSES are slated Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 14 at Madonna University. The non-credit fee is \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. For more information call 734-432-5731.

GERONTOLOGY COURSE called "Helping Dementia Families" is slated at Madonna University in Livonia from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 through Feb. 26. The non-credit fee is



Having our say

Audrey Morgan (top) and Sylvia Carter will perform as two wit and wisdom-filled centenarian sisters, Bessie and Sadie Delany in next month's Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Having Our Say." Tickets for shows Jan. 6-31 are available at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling 248-377-3300. MCN Special Photo

\$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units. For more information call 734-432-5731.

FREE EYE EXAMS for low income families will be available in March through a program called VISION USA. Applicants must be working but have no health insurance that covers eyes. They should call between Jan. 4 and Jan. 29 the following number: 1-800-766-4466.

DRUG FREE NEW YEARS EVE celebration beginning at 6 p.m. New Years Eve at a dozen different spots throughout Ypsilanti featuring various entertainers including blues, jazz, country, calypso, reggae, folk, comedy, storytelling, clowns, etc. Cost for badges are \$12.50 for adults (\$15 at the door), \$5 for children 6-12 years old, children under 5 free. For more information call 734-483-4444.

SPORTSFISHING, BOAT AND TRAVEL SHOW during March 11-14 at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. On display will be the latest fishing boats, motors, fishing gear and acces-

sories. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information call Showspan Inc. at 616-530-1919.

FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENTS SOUGHT two-hour orientation will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 13 and Feb. 18, 1999 for possible parents for infants, children and teens with severe emotional problems. Orientation will be held at St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's Foster Care and Adoption Building, 29475 Inkster road in Farmington Hills. For more information call 248-626-7527 ext. 3368.

WAIT UNTIL DARK drama directed by Diane Bernick of Dearborn will be presented at the Huron Civic Theatre, 32044 Huron River drive on Feb. 5, 6, 7, 13 and 14. Auditions for parts will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 13 and from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Dec. 15. For more information call 734-782-5380.

12TH ANNUAL KWANZAA JAZZ CONCERT featuring Barry D. Harris at 7 p.m. Dec. 26 in the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass ave. at Forest. Detroit. Cost is

\$15 per person, \$5 for children under 12. For more information call 313-833-9107.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP for western Wayne County meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Towne Square. The next meeting will be Nov. 18. For more information call Connie at 734-326-3502.

WEST SIDE SINGLES dances are slated from 8 p.m. every Friday at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Admission is \$5 after 8:30 p.m., \$3 before. Those 21 years or older are urged to wear dressy attire (no jeans). Manor is located on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster road. The hotline is 734-981-0909.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES offering two-for-one sales and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, sports, etc are being offered for \$40 by the Plymouth Community Chorus. Books can be delivered throughout western Wayne County. For more information call Stan at 734-459-6829.

KIDNEY CAR DONATIONS The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is now accepting used cars, boats, motorcycles and motor homes. Donors should call 1-800-488-CARS to arrange a pick-up date. They also are urged to consult their tax advisors for details regarding their specific situations. Funds raised from the vehicle sales are used to aid programs and services for Michigan's kidney patients.

GRIEF RECOVERY a five week course offered by the Hospice of Washtenaw will stress adapting to losses and skills in coping with such losses. Sessions will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday at the hospice office at 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor. Pre-registration is required by calling 734-327-3409.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING free screening takes place from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City - between Ford and Warren roads.

FREE HEARING SCREENING is offered from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of the Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City - between Ford and Warren roads.

ROBIN HOOD WORKSHOP is slated at Madonna University in Livonia from 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 22 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 23. The workshop will examine significant variants of the Robin Hood/Hode legend in its 12 century origins. The non-credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units. For more information call 734-432-5731.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Conscious contact meets at 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday and Sunday at the Good First Step Table at the Garden City Hospital. Use the north entrance at 5254 Inkster road in Garden City. Call Woody at 734-776-3415.

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programs for four and five year olds will be offered from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in January at the Leslie Science Center, 18131 Traver road in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$36 for non-residents for all four sessions. Pre-registration is needed so call 734-662-7802.

WINTER SYMPHONY sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is slated for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Belleville High School auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for senior citizens, students and members of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. For more information call Ken Askew at 734-483-5529.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, near parking lot P. Next meeting Jan. 10, 1999 and the guest speaker will be Susan Titus, executive director of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. For more information call 734-930-6335 or 734-741-99209.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID HELP counseling and assistance for clients with issues or questions concerning Medicare/Medicare forms and benefits are available from noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road (between Ford and Warren roads).

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP for family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders.

Meetings are free and are held in Classroom #1 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Building. Call 734-458-4330 for more information.

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP for persons who have had (or plan to have) their vocal cords removed and their friends and family. Meeting is held in coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. The meetings are free. For more information call 734-458-3381.

WESTSIDE SINGLES is planning a holiday dance at 8 p.m. Dec. 26 at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft road, west of Inkster road in Livonia. Admission is \$5 and doors open at 8 p.m. Dressy attire is requested (no jeans). Hotline number is 734-981-0909.

ROMULUS HEAD START is recruiting eligible three and four year olds for their free pre-school program. It is held at the old Beverly School building and serves children of low income families, foster children and children with disabilities. For more information call 734-334-1812.

WCCC REGISTRATION will be held from Jan. 6-15 at its western campus. A new nursing assistant course (NHS 100) lasting 11 1/2 weeks and earning 10 credits will begin Feb. 15, 1999. Financial aid is available. For more information call 734-699-0200.

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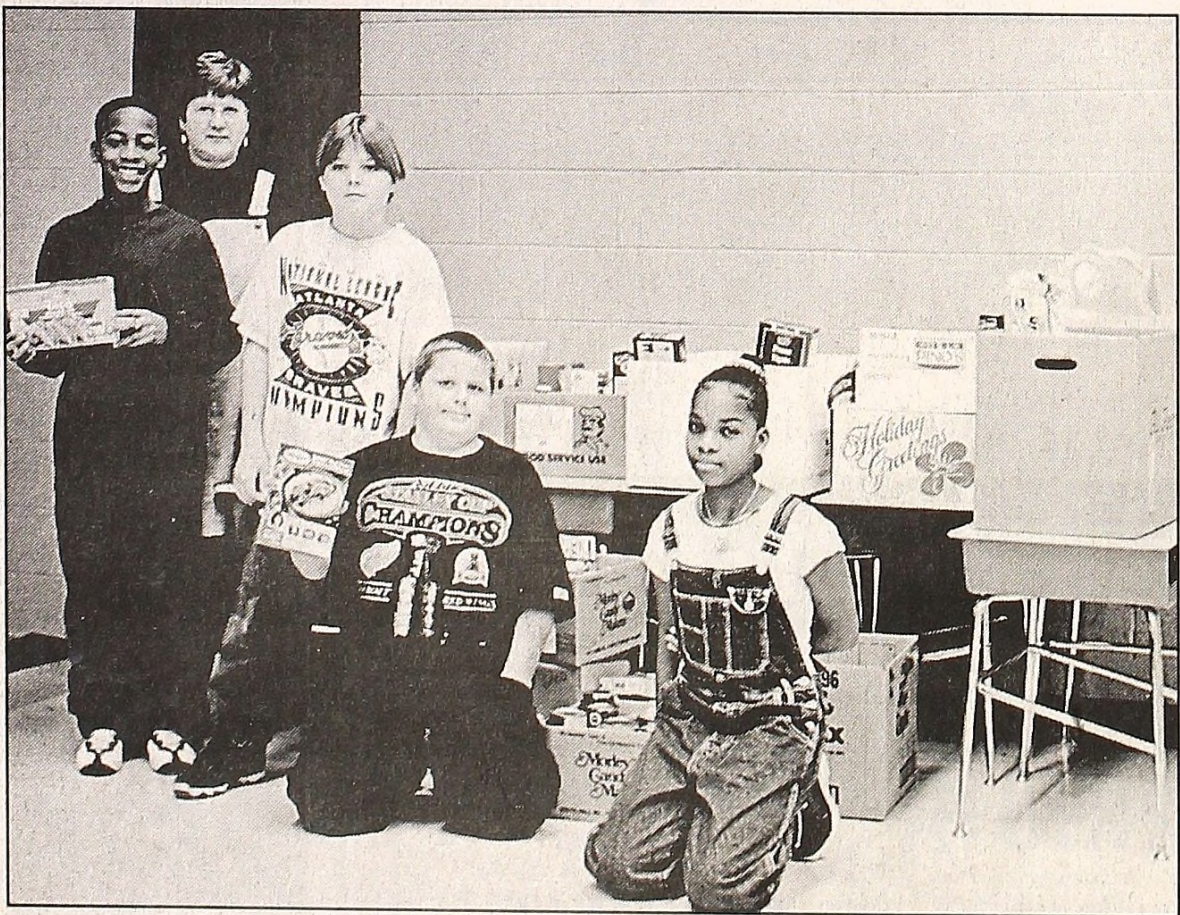
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Barth students help

A concerted effort by the Barth Student Council resulted in the collection of 1,000 food items for the Romulus Goodfellows program. Overseen by Student Council sponsor Theresa Blizeman, the council members collected and recorded the drive. Top student collectors were fifth grade students Chris Case and Dennis Evans, who turned in 25 and 20 items respectively. From left are council vice president Avery Stephenson, fifth graders Dennis Evans and Chris Case and council president Elyse Hooks. Standing in the rear is Council Sponsor Theresa Blizeman. MCN Special Photo

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Camaro flexes its new muscles



1999 CAMARO 2-Door V-6 Coupe

By VIC BERNSTEIN
MCN Staff Writer

Camaro brings more than 30 years of muscle car heritage to the marketplace. This year more than ever, it was designed for value, performance, and model choice. You can go with the convertible or hatchback, V6 or V8, manual or automatic. In the last few years, Camaro and Firebird have had less sales than its main domestic competitor, the Ford Mustang. Perhaps for this reason, Chevrolet has added new features and options. Rumors abound that either the Camaro or Firebird may get cut from the GM lineup. For these reasons, the interested consumer can probably talk a very good deal on this vehicle.

My demo was the V6 manual transmission coupe which is best compared to the Mustang,

Chrysler Sebring, Honda Prelude, Mitsubishi Eclipse or Toyota Celica GT. *Consumer Guide Car & Truck* magazine rates the Camaro as Best Budget Buy. *Consumer Review* mag calls Camaro the value leader, and I agree. If you look at all the great sports cars available, the competition is either far more expensive, or not in the same class, except perhaps the Mustang.

About Camaro's Manufacturing All Camaro Models are assembled at the recently refitted St. Therese, Quebec plant. This plant utilizes "team Concepts", state of the art technologies such as the "Waterborne paint system".

On the Positive The V-6 offers good power and acceleration, the Manual 5 speed was very easy to shift, the car has style, performance and gener-

ally good handling (not tested in snow or icy conditions). If you like a good sound system in your ride, then visit your local Chevy dealer to check out the "Monsoon Premium audio system".

One the other side The wide but low cockpit feels cramped and the back seat is more for kids, clubs or show than use by people. Rear view visibility is somewhat limited and getting in and out of the car is a little difficult. Be prepared to be on a first name basis with your gas station attendant, plan on getting Xmas cards from your auto insurance salesman, and both cops and thieves will hold a special place of honor for you. Having strained to come up with these negatives, I must admit that the positives take the day.

Standard Equipment The List price of my demo was \$20,700 and the stripped down base MSRP was \$16,600. Standards include: CFC free A/C, Front air bags, tilt steering wheel, 3800 V6 with 200 hp, Manual 5 speed trans, 4 wheel disc ABS, stainless steel exhaust, pass key II anti theft system, scotchguard protection and more. One new feature is

an oil life monitor that reminds you to get an oil change as needed.

Options tested The Monsoon audio system is a must (450). This option provides you with electronically tuned AM/FM stereo tuner, seek scan, CD, digital clock, 8 speakers, Dolby noise reduction, and a 200 watt amp installed with and anti thief design.

The sport appearance package (\$1755), which adds a front fascia extension, rear fascia molding, and spoiler. Also, the preferred equipment package (\$1246) which upgrades to cruise, remote hatch, keyless entry, leather steering wheel, power windows and door locks, electric twin mirrors, alarm system, numerous interior upgrades.

Safety Camaro has been designed for additional safety by designing in a safety cage concept, front and rear crush zones, reinforced energy absorbing body and steering column as well as airbags and comfortable seatbelts.

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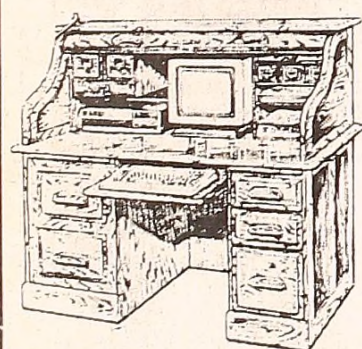
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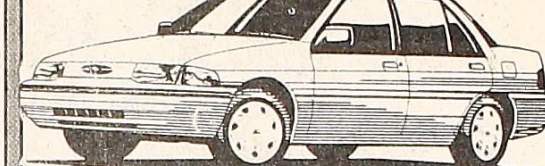
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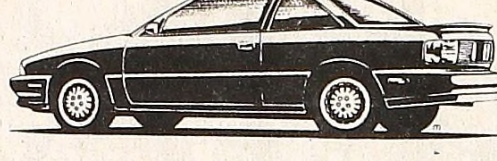
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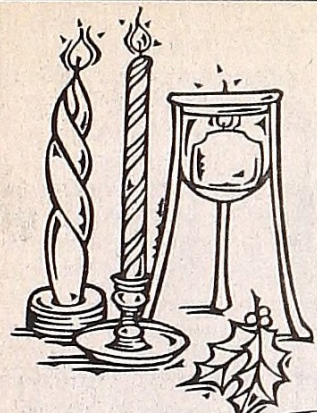
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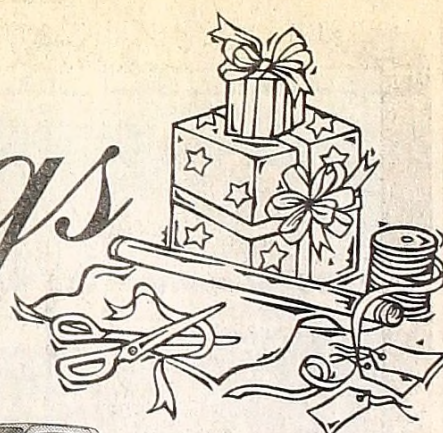
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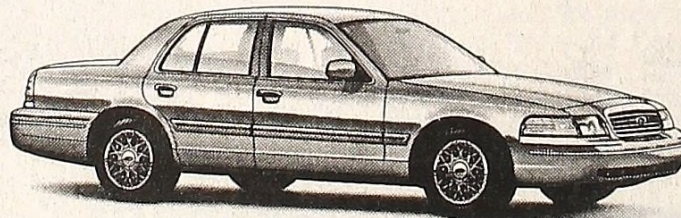
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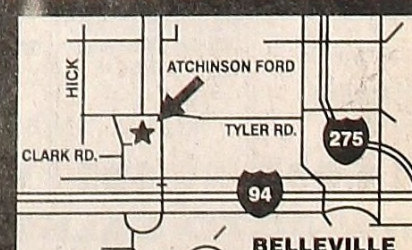
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Former teacher says 40 pupils can be taught as easily as 20

To the Editor:

A respondent writer recently lamented the large size of classes teachers are regularly assigned to instruct. It does seem reasonable that a second, third, or fourth-grade teacher will do very much better with a class of 15 children than having to endure the struggle with 35.

It isn't convincing that teachers ought to be scheduled to teach classes with small numbers across the board. In forty-six years of teaching I was never assigned a class where I couldn't accommodate 40 enrollees as easily as 20. Seriously, a large class in

accounting, typing, or algebra posed no problem because of size. True, more time had to be spent on papers outside of class, but this did not make the teaching any more difficult.

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES: THURSDAY EDITION: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday • SUNDAY EDITION: 1:00 p.m. FRIDAY 729-3300



5. Personals

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all and to all a safe and warm night.

SIS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
With all our Love,
Dad, Kelly
Bobby and Angie

READ MUSICIAN Ben E. Jet every week in the Eyewitness paper available in Eyewitness paper boxes outside grocery stores, Drug Stores, Strip malls, and Restaurants across Western Wayne County.

ROMULUS HIGH, Class of 1979. Looking for lost classmates for REUNION. Please contact Duane Moffat, 734-761-2653.

6. Legal-Notices

NOTICE BY PERSONS CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land described:

TAKE NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service and/or cost of publication of the

notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action without additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of the land: State of Michigan, County of WAYNE, CITY OF DEARBORN, 32-092-53-0802-500 LOT 28, 29 & WLY 1/2 OF LOT 30 HAMMOND SUB L50 P45

Amount Paid: \$1082.46
Deed # 1821
Amount Due: \$1623.69
PLUS SHERIFF AND PUBLICATION FEES

Tax for the year 1994.

Equifunding, Inc.

P.O. Box 980
East Lansing, MI 48826

TO: Jean M. Gruenwald, Theodore L. Gruenwald, Spouse of Theodore Gruenwald, John Doe, aka Occupant, Jane Doe, aka Occupant, unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs, devisees, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf, said individuals being persons indicated to have some interest in the land above described according to WAYNE COUNTY records.

This is an improved residential parcel.

Publish: November 1, 1998
December 3, 1998
December 6, 1998
December 10, 1998
December 13, 1998
December 17, 1998
December 20, 1998

December 24, 1998
December 27, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to State Law, a sale will be held at Stor-N-Lock, 7840 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI, 48185-2009, (734)261-6640 on January 20, 1999 at 12:00PM where the following goods will be sold:

TENANT: Richard Wagner
UNIT: O-29

ITEMS: bed-box spring, chair, upholstered, night table, 2 bed-mattress, fishing poles, toys, 12 boxes.

TENANT: Andrew Sak
UNIT: J-9/10
ITEMS: box, motorcycle.

TENANT: Nicholas E. Corcora Jr.
UNIT: P-9
ITEMS: shelf, 16 tires.

TENANT: Mamie Hairston
UNIT: K-11
ITEMS: 2 bags, suitcase, boxes, fishing poles.

TENANT: Lee Harrison
UNIT: F-11
ITEMS: 3 boxes, shelf, washer/dryer, sofa, table lamp, trunk.

TENANT: Diane Simmons
UNIT: F-9
ITEMS: bed-box spring, 6 boxes, table lamps, bed frame, 4 kitchen chairs, 2 pictures, bed-mattress, upholstered chair, sofa.

TENANT: Isabelle Pappert
UNIT: O-28

ITEMS: headboard, dryer, 40 boxes, 3 shelves, 7 kitchen chairs, ski equipment.

TENANT: Ronae Razzaq
UNIT: J-5
ITEMS: bed frame, refrigerator, 8 boxes, sewing machine, China closet, 3 suitcases.

TENANT: Michele Hausalter
UNIT: K-8
ITEMS: fan, doors, touch lights, wood.

Publish: December 17, 1998
December 24, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that on January 26, 1999, at 11:00 a.m., LeRoy Elfrank Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage U.S.A., will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage U.S.A. reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be held at: Storage U.S.A., 1900 Old Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

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32. Help Wanted

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800-649-5011/Oakland County
email: spectree@urbancom.net

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To Place Your Classified Call 729-3300

TENANT: Margaret Kreyling
UNIT: A 123
ITEMS: numerous boxes, briefcase, plaid purse, numerous paperback books.

TENANT: Samira Khan
UNIT: B 36
ITEMS: fax machine, 4 chairs, 2 boxes, 2 heaters, file cabinets, office cubical, stainless steel doors, wooden desk, desk, shredder.

TENANT: Jeff Stiehr
UNIT: B 40
ITEMS: 20+ boxes, weight bench, tool box, air conditioner, numerous shovels, tire ramps, dresser, waterbed frames, waterbed mattress, cooler, baby carriage, children's toys.

TENANT: Jennifer Parker
UNIT: C 62
ITEMS: Waterbed frames, television, numerous boxes, children's toys, 5 bags, baby stroller, children's bed frame.

TENANT: Ken Nealy
UNIT: C 28
ITEMS: Glass table tops, bunk bed frames, ironing board, VCR, children's toys, tree stand, wood frames, walkie-talkie set.

TENANT: Vicki Enriquez
UNIT: D 001
ITEMS: numerous boxes, rocking chair, chest, bicycle, children's toys, guitar, pallets, blankets.

TENANT: Rocquel Gregory
UNIT: D 23
ITEMS: 2 dressers, mirror, fish tank, showcase, children's picnic table, 2 boxes.

TENANT: Alisa Walls
UNIT: D 24
ITEMS: 4 mattresses, 2 VCR's, 5 bags, 3 pictures, numerous boxes, couch, chair, blinds, entertainment center, tables, ironing board, lamps, Christmas Tree.

TENANT: Tonya Black
UNIT: D 51
ITEMS: microwave cabinet, plastic wagon, battery controlled jeep, high chair, dresser, suitcase, baby changing table, baby bed, numerous bags, numerous boxes, lamps.

TENANT: Wilson Little
UNIT: E 15
ITEMS: lawn mower, tires, various automobile parts, engine block, dresser, numerous boxes, air tank, compressor, desk, jewelry boxes, clothing, fans, deep freezer, various yard tools.

TENANT: Ruth Harrison
UNIT: F 14
ITEMS: 4 mattresses, 2 bed frames, numerous boxes, glass top table, couch, microwave, vacuum cleaner, children's toy chest.

TENANT: Roy Brown
UNIT: H 005
ITEMS: electric guitar case, sub-woofer, misc.

stereo equipment, 2 lamps.

TENANT: Michael Kmet
UNIT: I 003
ITEMS: dryer, desk, 4 crates, 1 box, pallet.

TENANT: Janice Hunter
UNIT: J 004
ITEMS: numerous bags, 4 boxes, chair, speakers, children's school desk, suitcase.

TENANT: Marie Zakaria
UNIT: K 006
ITEMS: exercise machine, 2 televisions, 2 couches, 2 lamps, bench, grill, numerous boxes, bags.

TENANT: Willie Brown
UNIT: L 60
ITEMS: numerous boxes/bags, VCR tapes, clothing, children's shoes, crates w/ personal items, magazines, lamps, vacuum cleaner.

TENANT: Thereasa Montgomery
UNIT: F 28
ITEMS: table saw, tables, desk, wheel barrow, skies, numerous boxes, suitcase, treadmill, hand tools, fishing rods, heater, baby stroller, lamps, guitar case, numerous bags, bowling ball.

TENANT: Karl McAllister
UNIT: F 65
ITEMS: 2 dressers, 2 bags clothing, numerous boxes, hide-away bed/couch, chair, baby stroller, car carrier seat, ironing board.

TENANT: Lavan Williams
UNIT: G 22
ITEMS: Couch, stereo television, entertainment center, large television, lamps, paper shredder, numerous bed frames, mattresses, numerous bags.

TENANT: Sidney Miller
UNIT: G 30
ITEMS: 4 folding chairs, 2 lamps, numerous boxes, pictures, bed frames, waterbed frames, couch, love seat, chair, silk flower arrangements.

TENANT: Halley Hoth
UNIT: H 002
ITEMS: television, couch, table, chair, dresser, lamps, end tables, vacuum cleaner, chest, yard tools, clothing.

Publish: December 24, 1998
December 31, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on

January 12, 1999, at 10:00AM at Copart Auto Salvage Pools, Inc., 19845 Telegraph Rd., Romulus, Michigan 47174 a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:
1988 Acura Legend 2 dr. JH4KA3258JC019927
1995 Pontiac Sunfire 4 dr. 1G2JB5243S7503077
1996 Cadillac Seville 2 dr. 1G6KS52Y4T4815272
1994 Ford Taurus 4 dr. 1FALP5341RG174917
1995 Ford Taurus 4 dr. 1FALP52U5SG274719
1989 Pontiac Grand Prix 2 dr. 1G2WJ14W4KF264399
1993 Dodge Intrepid 4 dr. 2B3ED56F3PH535348
1995 Ford F150 PU 1FTEX15Y0SKB41986
Publish: December 24, 1998

9. Lost & Found

FOUND: A pair of men's gold framed glasses were found in the grass between the two parking lots at Belleville High School on Saturday, Dec. 5, after the Christmas Parade. If you know who the glasses may belong to, please call Janet at 734-697-7151, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Office.

FOUND: LARGE Black Lab in Canton. Young male. 734-397-2200.

LOST, BRITTANY, liver and white. Also Brittany mixed, black and white. Both female, lost in Canton. 734-495-0653.

32. Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT
Sumpter Township seeking accountant to handle full general ledger and other duties. Must have bachelor's degree in accounting, minimum of three years experience, and computer literacy. Salary range: \$28,980-\$30,900 plus fringes. Send resume to:

Sumpter Township Clerk
23480 Sumpter Rd
Belleville, MI 48111

AVON PRODUCTS

Start A Home-Based Business. Work Flexible Hours. Enjoy Unlimited Earnings. Call Toll Free (888) 561-2866.

CDL LICENSED driver, local work, roll off experience preferred. Excellent salary & benefits. Well established Romulus Co. 734-728-3570.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ RECEPTIONIST

Growing automotive supplier seeks min. 2 years office support exp. Multi task position. MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint desired. \$9-13/hr. Room for advancement. No Fee.

Personnel Unlimited
(734) 542-0400
(734) 542-1171 (fax)

CHRISTMAS CASH

FOOD SERVICES - Romulus. Light work, all shifts. Part-time on weekends! \$6.50/hr. + free food!

PRESS OPERATORS - Belleville plastics plant. Evaluation hire. All shifts. \$7.60/hr.

WAREHOUSE - Canton. Load/unload. 1st & 2nd shifts. \$7.50/hr.

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734-467-5450

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CLEANERS NEEDED

Growing janitorial contractor has several positions available, part time evenings, I full time day opening-in Canton. Good pay and benefits. Call anytime to apply. Randcom, 313-359-3512 E.O.E.

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Canton and Belleville Group Homes need caring staff to serve developmentally disabled adults. \$7.25 per hour. 734-981-9328, 734-699-6543 or 734-699-3808.

32. Help Wanted

ROUTE SALES POSITION

A tremendous demand for our products and service has created a need to add to our route systems staff.

Qualified candidates can expect to earn \$30,000 - \$60,000 annually. Enjoy a complete benefit package including, profit sharing, medical and life insurance, dental insurance, vacations, performance bonus, advancement opportunities and more.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Organized, caring individual needed to provide administrative support at our rehabilitation outpatient center. Friendly, informal setting. Must be sensitive to people with disabilities. Your proficiency in Word, Excel, and MS Access and good office management skills make you the ideal candidate. Competitive salary, excellent benefits including 401K. Fax resume to Special Tree Rehabilitation System (734) 942-8727 or email spectree@urbancom.net.

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DIRECT CARE

To work in AIS facility. All shifts available. Full & part time. Must be 18 years or older and have a valid drivers license and high school diploma or equivalent. 313-537-9058 Redford area, 313-584-7118 Dearborn area, 734-699-2122, Belleville area.

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Needed in Westland. Must have valid driver's license and dependable for afternoons and weekends. Preferably trained. 721-3641.

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DIRECT CARE STAFF

Wanted, trained. Please call 942-1010.

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

The City of Wayne is accepting applications for the purpose of establishing a Communication Specialist eligible list. Salary \$26,050-31,367. High School diploma or equivalent is required. Applicants must be able to type accurately 30 words per minute on a computer keyboard and successfully pass written and oral examinations. Must have the ability to handle emergency phone calls and dispatch emergency vehicles for the Police and Fire Departments. Applications are available in the Personnel Department, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184 or send a self addressed stamped envelope to the above address to request and application. Completed applications must be received in the Personnel Department by 4:30 p.m. on December 23, 1998. Resumes without applications will not be accepted.

The City of Wayne is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

DRIVER

Seeking a part time driver for our pick-ups and deliveries. Must be able to be on call with a flexible work schedule between the hours of 7:30a thru 4:00p, Mon.-Fri. Must have a good driving record and be able to lift up to 60 lbs. Ideal position for a retiree seeking an opportunity to stay busy. Approximately 20-25 hours per week, physical exam with drug test required. Interested candidates should apply in person between the hours of 7:30a-3:00p, Mon.-Fri. at Prestolite Beech Electric, 2801 S. Beech Daly Rd., Dearborn Hgts., MI 48125.

EOE

DIRECT CARE AIDE

Up to \$7.50/hr., full benefits, flexible schedule, no experience required. Assist mentally challenged with work, social and home events. Full/part time. 734-326-5320.

EXPERIENCED RESTAURANT

Managers for days, afternoons and midnights. Experienced Chef in Greek and American Cuisine. Also, bookkeeper and secretary wanted. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 2011, Belleville, MI 48112-2011.

DRIVER/SEMI

Romulus area. CDL/A License required. \$8 per hour to start with \$500 minimum guaranteed. 248-559-7744.

DRIVERS PRIVATE FLEET/ LOCAL

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DCA

Group home openings for days, afternoons and midnights. Valid Drivers license, paid training, competitive wages and benefits. Call Tary, 313-581-3019.

FRIENDLY ENERGETIC People to work in group home. Will train. \$7.25 to start, full benefits. 728-2821 or 697-8339.

GENERAL FULL time office work for an association management company. Call 734-697-1321.

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Position available in the downriver area. Prefer 6 months of group home experience. Must be WCLS or similar training. Full benefits, valid drivers license. Fax resume to: 313-581-0901 or call Tary at 313-581-3019.

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Fax: (615) 399-1438

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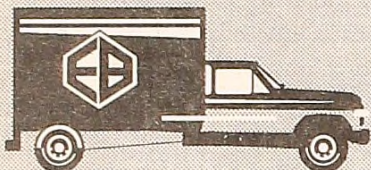
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SALES HELP NEEDED
Flexible hours. Experienced floor covering sales person needed. Top pay for top producer. \$40,000 per year. Outside sales. Call Austin, First Choice Floor Covering, Canton. (734) 354-9500.

32. Help Wanted

NEED A CHANGE OF SCENERY?



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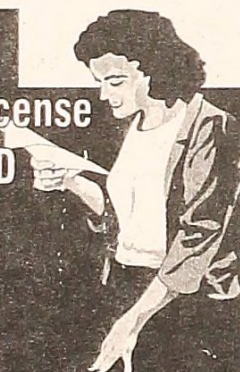
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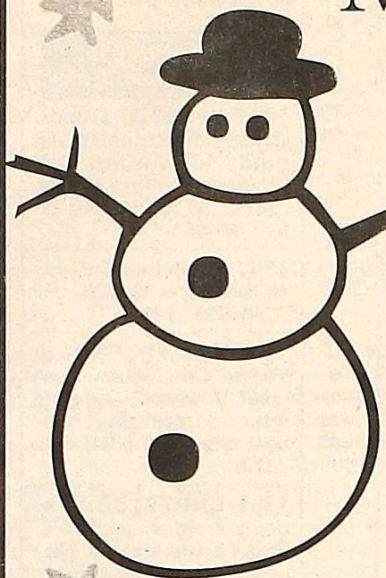
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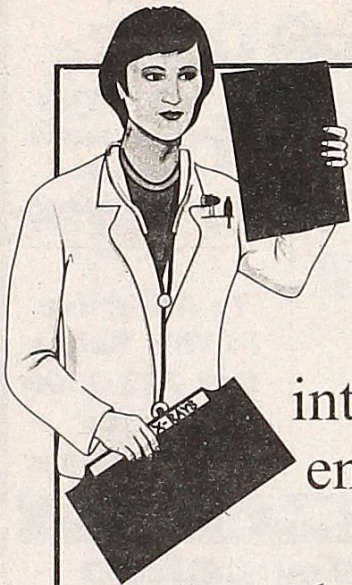
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Best Wishes for A Bright New Year!

Christmas spirit alive at MCN

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Evidence of Christmas spirit, now alive and well and in full swing at MCN, began to fill the office. It started quietly when we received a couple hundred letters from people responding to our front-page requests for Christmas wishes.

Then, the momentum picked up as our advertising staff began burning up the phone lines searching for the businesses--whose advertisements you'll find in this issue--who graciously donated goods and money, and without whose help, we could not conduct this annual program.

And by the time the office filled with gifts for our special families, we all knew the holidays were well underway and the Christmas Wish program was again a success.

And a large undertaking it is. In its fifth year, the Christmas Wish program delivers about \$20,000 worth of goods and help to the families selected to receive help, providing food, clothing and Christmas presents to Western Wayne County families who have found themselves in financial need.

Many of the letter writers who

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From the Christmas Wishes staff at MCN, thanks to all the businesses who graciously gave to this project, and to the families who wrote to us, hoping we could help make their Christmas wishes come true. Pictured from left to right, Carol Marshall, Vic Bernstein, Karen Beroff, Larry Allen, Rita Bedell; front: Mike Wilcox.

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Gram seeks bed for grandson

Even though her grandson is 24 years old, Jenene Stanfield still looks at him with the same love and wonder in her eyes as she did when he was a baby.

Her grandson, Jason Hobig, came to live with his "Gram" in her Canton apartment more than a year ago. And that's why Stanfield wrote to MCN. She wrote to ask for a bed for her grandson because he has been sleeping on the floor since he moved in. Because she is on disability assistance and Hobig receives social security for his disability, the

two have not been able to afford much more than the bare necessities.

Hobig said his parents have not been able to help them, and he has not seen his step-father (he does not know his biological father) since before his release from one of several institutions.

His mother, he said, is addicted to drugs, and the two have not spoken for more than a year.

Hobig doesn't complain, though. He said he is happy to be living with his grandmother after having stayed

for five years in several hospitals where he has been treated for schizophrenia.

"This is the only place I wanted to be when I got out," Hobig said of his grandmother's home. And a year and half after his arrival, the two sit next to each other on the sofa and beam from ear to ear as they tell us how happy they are to be together.

What "Gram" never mentioned, however, is that she also has no bed. The blankets and pillow on the floor in her bedroom spoke loud and

clear about her selfless love for her grandson, though.

When asked why she did not ask for a bed for herself, her reply was, "I just wanted something nice for Jason."

Editor's note: MCN wants something nice for "Gram," too. She said she is grateful for helping her get a bed for her grandson. We'd like to show our gratitude to her for reminding us about the true spirit of giving so many forget during the holidays and get her a bed, as well. Sweet dreams.



Jason Hobig with his "Gram," Jenene Stanfield are delighted to be living together, but in need of beds.



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Wish program a "gift" to writer Marshall

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, my boss, MCN publisher Mike Wilcox, flagged me down as I was running out the office door, in a hurry to get to an assignment.

"Hey, Carol!" I heard him say, and I screeched to a halt, thinking that if I had only been a little faster, I would have made it out the door.

"What!?" My irritated reply--a trademark of mine which my co-workers have come to know all too well--was certain to convey my hurried condition. He told me he had a project for me to work on and would catch up to me later to give me the details. And as I left, grumbling about how the rookie reporter always gets stuck with the projects no one else wants to do, I had no idea what Mike was about to give me.

The truth is....he gave me a gift.

In the beginning, the "gift" just sounded like a lot of work to fit into a short deadline. But it did not take long before I threw myself into this project, driving myself to work longer hours, struggling to convey to you, dear readers, the strength, courage and hope I found where I only expected to find hopelessness and despair.

You must understand why this

transformation in my attitude is shocking to me. You see, I've earned a reputation with my loved ones and those I work with as being....well, opinionated. High-maintenance. Difficult.

While working on Christmas Wishes I met a homeless mother, Robin Claydon, who with her 4-year-old son was living in a hotel, and on the verge of losing her housing assistance. At one time, her story would have had me dusting off my soap box to preach about injustice and economic terrorism toward women. But the mother, a strong, intelligent woman, could not inspire anger in me. Nor could she inspire pity.

She could only convey hope. And it was a gift.

"Yes," I began to think, "we can help someone who is in the most dire situation I've ever known anyone to be in. We can make this better." With no time for tears or tirades, I continued, working harder and later with each family I met. And I, the "impartial reporter," threw all objectivity aside, and allowed myself to care about people I had never before met. And each, in return, gave me gifts without even knowing it.

Brave and hopeful Leah Hall, long-time recipient of generous doses of abuse at the hand of her

husband, convinced that after she gets on her feet again, she'll be better off than she ever was, gave me the gift of a perpetual silver lining.

Jenene Stanfield, so generous and loving, asked for a bed for her 24-year-old grandson because he'd been sleeping on the floor since he'd moved in with her. Upon visiting this pair, the grandson, Jason, asked if I would like to see his room. I accepted the invitation, and after inspecting his tidy dwelling, peered across the hall, into his "Gram's" room, and choked back a tear or two when I saw the blankets and pillows on the floor, which had served as her bed. And she never said a word about it.

Jenene's gift to me was a reminder about the true spirit of giving.

And Cathy Dixon, who also wrote to ask for beds for her family, but failed to mention in her letter that her family had nearly no furniture, welcomed me into her home and offered me a cup of coffee and one of the only pieces of furniture she had--a white lawn chair. I declined and made myself comfortable on the living room floor with her children, and found myself in the best seat in the house, surrounded with energy and giggles. Cathy's gift was a reminder that material goods are not the root of happiness. No, in-

deed, that comes from within, and is to be shared with those you love.

And Susan Seever, courageously battling her second bout with breast cancer, as well as a difficult divorce, wants nothing more than some time with her children. Struggling with each breath, she told me her story, confident that she'll be basking in the Florida sun with her kids for spring break. Susan's gift to me is proof that life is short, too short for anger and grudges and sweating the small stuff. And I had better make time to enjoy it.

And as if these gifts weren't enough, I found boundless generosity--from businesses who donated money and gifts, to staff members who worked tirelessly to make dreams come true. All I had to do was ask, on behalf of the families I had met, and suddenly, graciously, gifts appeared.

I've heard that everything you give comes back to you. It's only now that I believe it. No, the presents under my tree did not multiply, nor did the money in my checking account. But I have re-discovered what I have. My precious son's laughter may as well be diamonds and my modest home feels like a tiny castle.

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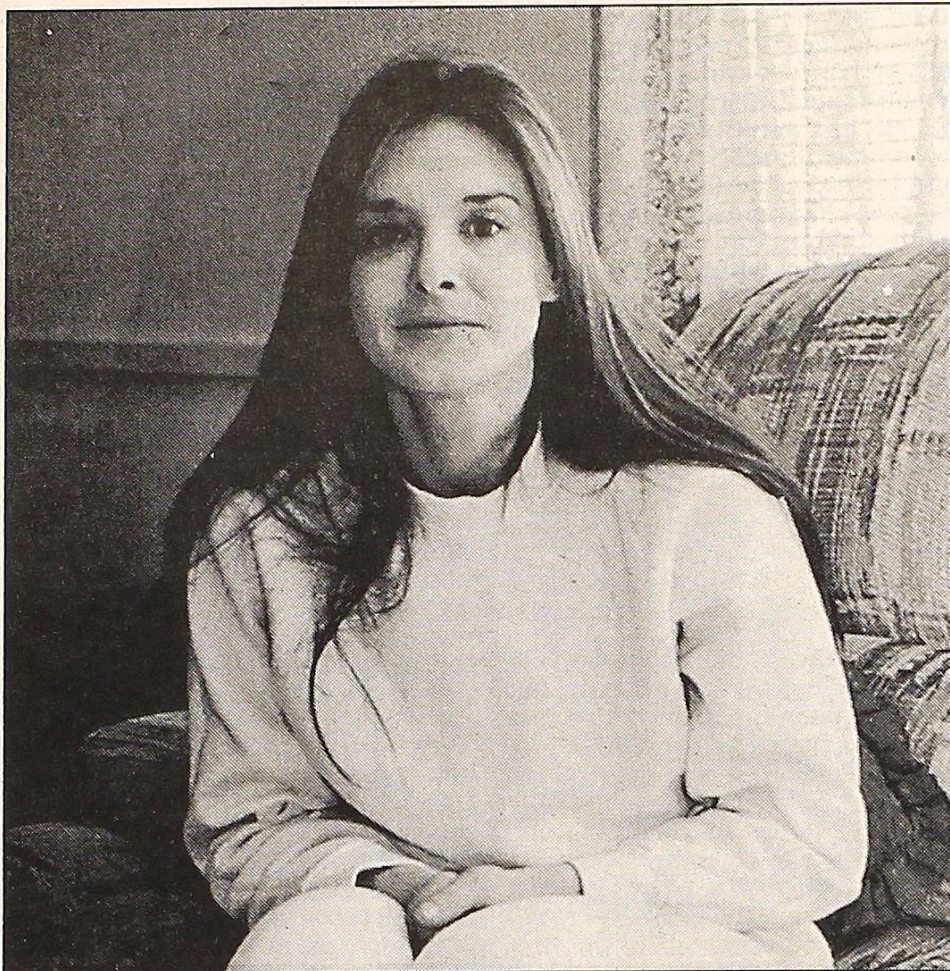
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Mother asks for kid's Christmas



Leah Hall wished for a nice Christmas for her three boys after unexpected financial difficulties.

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

The letter begins with a simple request:

"My name is Leah Hall. I have three boys, ages 14, 11 and 8. My wish is for them to have Christmas this year."

Hall told us that she had been working two jobs, waiting tables, until August when her father-in-law suffered a heart attack. The following day, her best friend's daughter was killed in a car accident.

In order to help take care of her father-in-law and support her best friend, she quit her jobs. Her husband, although disabled, worked part-time and agreed to support the family until the rough times were smoothed out.

Hall did not know at the time that her husband would later contribute to the problems. Hall wrote:

"On Nov. 18, my husband came home intoxicated and assaulted me and destroyed my home. Needless

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to say, I had him arrested, which leaves me safe, but also in a terrible spot financially."

She said that although the family was struggling financially while she was not working, she never expected that suddenly the family's entire income would vanish.

She says her husband of four years has had, off-and-on, problems with drinking and violence, and hopes that time in jail will save him, and possibly, their marriage. "Maybe it'll help," Hall says. "This is the first time he's admitted he needs help....I'm just glad he didn't kill anyone, including me."

As much as Hall wishes some peace for her husband, she says he will need to prove himself and continue to get help for a long time after his release in order for her to consider taking him back into their home.

Hall said fortunately, her children were not home the night her husband was arrested, but they certainly know what kind of stress she's under. Her oldest son was even reluctant to ask for any Christmas presents. With a bit of pride and amazement, she told MCN that her son had told her he understood their financial troubles, and not to worry about him.

In the meantime, Hall is now making lemonade of lemons. She's enrolling in cosmetology school and on the day of her interview with MCN, she also had a job interview, and says she's eager to get back to work. She writes:

"I will be fabulous when this is said and done. But any assistance you can offer would be of great assistance to me and my boys. They are good boys and they deserve some happiness."

Quite frankly, Leah, we agree.



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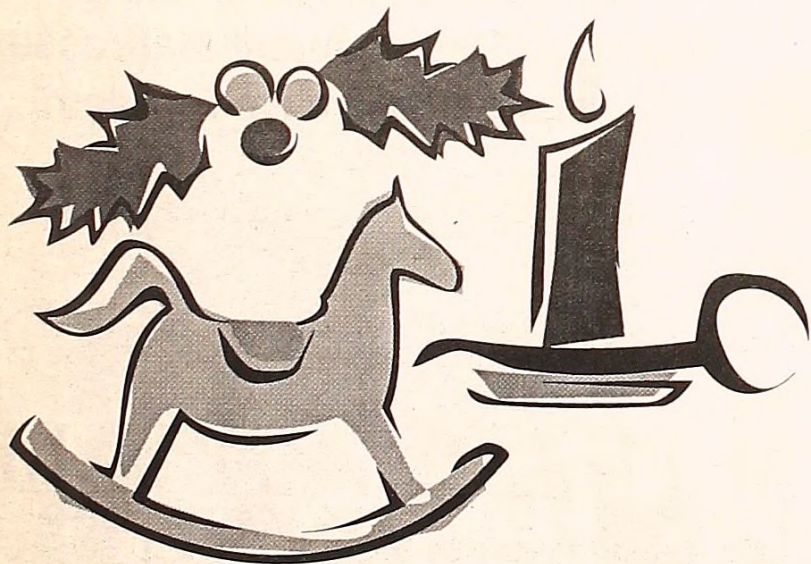
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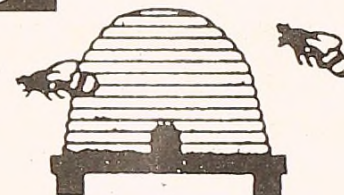
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Homeless mother and son seek apartment

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

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Claydon explains that all they own, she was able to carry into the room, after having to leave the shelter for the homeless where she and Michael were staying only days before our interview.

We met Claydon when she wrote to us:

All I wish for is to start next year out right. You see, this year was really terrible.

At my place of employment, Clark gas station, I got robbed March 14th, and tied up and hurt pretty bad. After this I could barely cope with anything. I withdrew from everyone including my children. It got so bad for a while I lost my home and everything.

She explains that the three men who robbed the gas station beat her badly, and she was so terrified that

afterwards, she could not even allow her three children to touch her.

Because she was scheduled to report for her shift the day after the robbery, and did not, she was fired, despite the horror of the incident.

She did not qualify for unemployment, despite the fact that she had worked at several Clark stations during the previous 17 years, because she had not accrued enough full-time weeks of employment in a row during the year before the robbery.

With neither income nor where-

withal to keep her life in order, she found herself homeless. She packed her belongings in a storage locker, but unable to pay the rent, everything but the clothes she was able to tote in a suitcase were sold.

Her daughters do not live with her now. Her 19-year-old daughter, who is deaf, lives with her father and his girlfriend. Claydon said her daughter quit school only months before graduation, "because she was such a wreck."

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Robin Claydon wished for a new start with her son, Michael.

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Michael Claydon

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Claydon's 17-year-old daughter joined Job Corps in Grand Rapids, and stays on campus there, where she has also earned her GED, and is enrolled in a certified nurse's aide program.

So, she and Michael have made do, staying at the Wayne County Family Shelter, until her time ran out. Claydon said she was terrified at the shelter because she was repeatedly told that if she could not find somewhere to live, her son would be taken from her and placed

in foster care, adding to her belief that the world had given up on her and her children.

Claydon had managed to qualify for Section 8 housing assistance, which will temporarily allow her to live in motels, but it is not enough, she said to help her move into a permanent home, after adding on a security deposit and utilities. Making a difficult situation into a desperate one, Claydon will lose her Section 8 assistance in one more week if she is unable to find a permanent home.

What she asked for was for her family to be together during the holidays--a nice dinner with her daughters and perhaps a gift or two

for her children. Michael had only one request, despite having not even enough toys to fill a shoe box. He wanted a video tape, "Small Soldiers," to be specific, apparently unaware that he no longer had a VCR.

But Claydon's story left nary a dry eye at the MCN office, and immediately, General Manager Rita Bedell took on the task of finding Claydon an apartment. Staff began pooling household goods from their own homes, and Christmas Wish coordinator Karen Beroff set out on the task of shopping, and gathering clothing suitable for Claydon to

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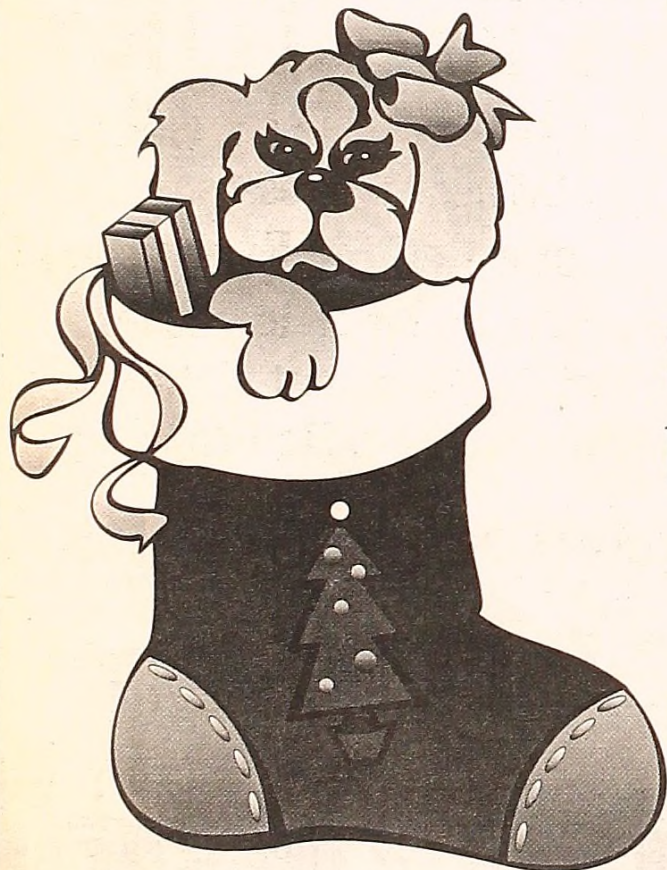
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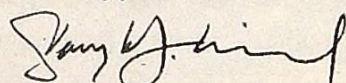
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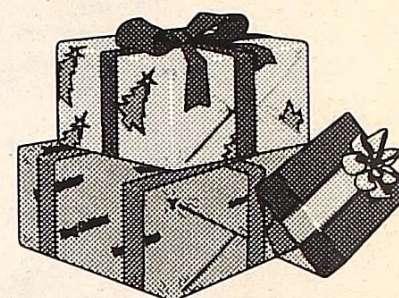
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By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Editor's note: This week, publisher MCN Mike Wilcox was pleased to receive this letter. It is generosity like this that makes the Christmas Wish program possible. On behalf of all of us at MCN, thank you Mr. Wicklund. You truly are an example for us all and a reminder about what the holiday season should be about.







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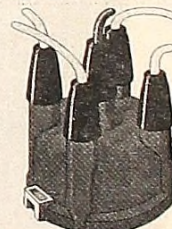
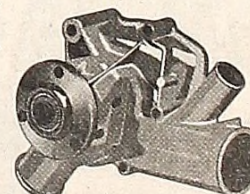
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Granddaughter needs headstones

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

This time of year, children of all ages get a sort of "Christmas glow" about them, and visions of Nintendos (and other gift goodies) dance in their head.

But 15-year-old Marceia Mays had a different kind of gift in mind when she wrote MCN:

When I read your article [asking for people to send their Christmas wishes] in the "Eyewitness" newspaper, it brought tears to my eyes because I knew that you were my last hope....In July 1997, I lost my grandfather to prostate cancer. This came as a great loss to my mother and grandmother. Since my grandfather's insurance policy was only worth \$2,000, we had a hard time burying him, and we were unable to buy him a headstone, but nine months later, we experienced another tragic loss. My uncle was killed a day before his birthday in a terrible car accident by a drunk driver. The money my mother had saved had to go toward my uncle's funeral.

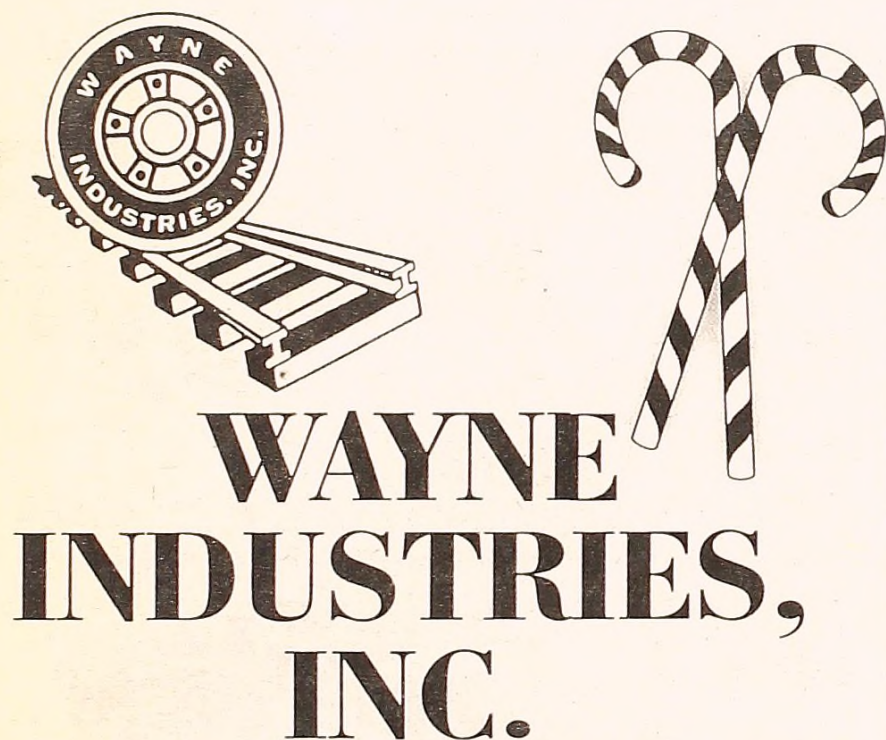
And Marceia's mother, Cecelia, said it is difficult to establish a savings while she supports her three children on a \$7 per hour job.

Mays said her grandmother, who already suffered with respiratory



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Marceia, Javion, Cecelia and Anthony Mays wished for a lasting memorial of their loved ones.



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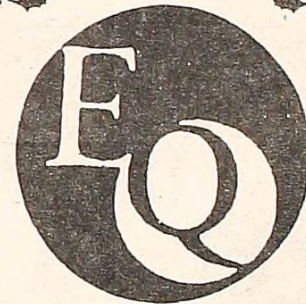
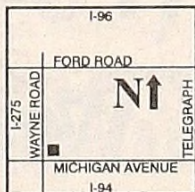


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Family needs beds

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Upon entering Cathy Dixon's Inkster home, you immediately notice the absence of furniture. But stay for only a few minutes and, you nearly forget that you're sitting on the floor, as the empty home fills with commotion and laughter from her three energetic children.

Her youngest, Bre'ascia, an 18-month-old bundle of busy-ness, plays happily with her big sister, Meisha, 15. Six-year-old Dartuanian is torn between scampering with friends and double checking my notes to make sure his name is spelled correctly.

Dixon's mother, Katie, who also lives in the small home, has just returned from work as the children are getting off the school buses, and the family is suddenly on a course of motion, laughing, and affectionate teasing. And while most families' homes by now have a Christmas tree and brightly wrapped presents, Dixon's home is filled only with the bright smiles of her children and a stream of their friends coming over to play.

We first met Dixon when she wrote asking us to help her get some beds for her family. They moved into their home in November, after living with relatives, and ever since,

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My children don't complain but I do. They see Mommy trying with bills and the holiday coming up. It just hasn't been easy.

- Cathy Dixon

she and her family have been sleeping on the floor.

“My children don't complain but I do. They see Mommy trying with bills and the holiday coming up. It just hasn't been easy. I have a \$6.00/hr. job....My mother also lives with me. She's here with the children while I go to work,” wrote Dixon.

Despite struggling to make ends meet, Dixon proudly tells us she likes her job, to which she takes the bus in order to make her midnight shift. And during her interview with MCN, she grew ever more excited about her children and mother having comfortable beds, without giving much thought to herself.

MCN hopes to not only help her with the beds, but also a few household items. We also happen to have a little pull with Santa, and believe he'll be stopping by.

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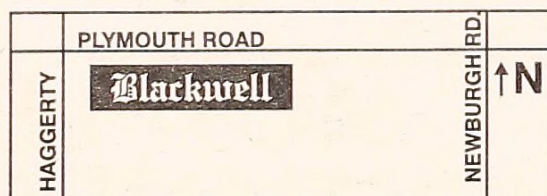
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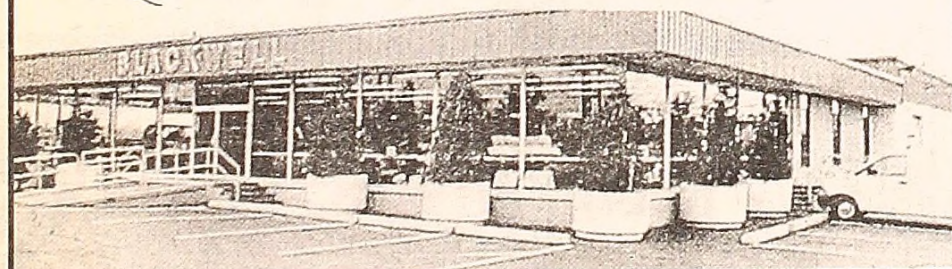
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Any help possible

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Some Christmas wishes MCN received were less specific than others. When Mary Motley wrote her letter, she knew she needed help; she just wasn't sure what kind of help she needed.

"I would like to put in a request for any kind of help possible," she wrote. The single mother of two boys, Joshua, 12, and Jason, 10, told MCN how she'd been struggling since 1995 when she had to go on disability assistance due to an onset of seizures.

"I used to work as a CNA (nursing assistant) years ago," Motley wrote. "As of the fall of 1995, I developed a sudden onset of seizures. Doctors aren't sure if it was a nutrition deficiency or a head trauma from when I was beat for 7 years from the kids' dad back when we were married."

Today, she tries to get by without child support from her sons' father, but has fallen behind on her bills and rarely finds any money left over in her budget for extras, such as Christmas presents.

Her financial situation is further complicated, she said, by mounting medical bills, not only in associa-

tion with her daily seizures, but also with her cervical cancer, which she now struggles with.

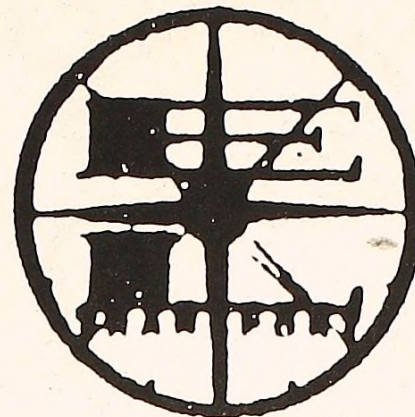
Top it off, she said, with non-stop troubles with her 1988 Ford Escort.

While she had originally written MCN asking for a headstone and a trip to her son's grave in San Diego, Calif.—her toddler son passed away in 1991 after being severely burned by a hot cup of coffee—she said her practical side made her reconsider.

"I have to do what's best to take care of myself and my sons today," she said, knowing that she will be reunited with her baby in Heaven.

So, she decided instead to ask for a fantastic Christmas for her surviving sons, who are crazy about fashion gym shoes and remote-control cars, as are most boys their age. "It was easier," she said, "when they were younger because I could head right to Payless." She proudly tells us about Joshua, who's on the honor roll, earning nearly all A's, and Jason, also a very good student, who has not yet been on the honor roll.

What makes her even more proud, she said, is her sons' involvement in their church. And as a family, with the help of God, she knows all will be well.



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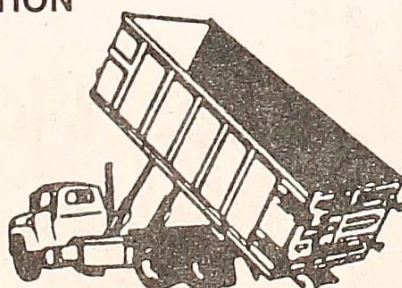
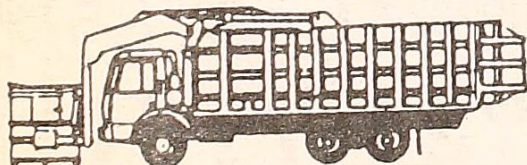
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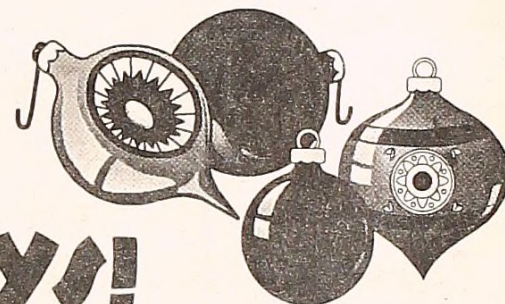
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illness, was hit hard by the loss of her husband and youngest son less than a year apart.

Mays believes the strain is what ultimately caused her grandmother's Nov. 8, 1998, death. Mays said, "Her last wish was to have a headstone for her husband and her baby. If you would please provide my grandparents and uncle with only a small headstone, it would mean the world to my mother and I."

MCN hopes to help this family in their time of grief by providing them with a lasting memorial of their loved ones, making next year a time of healing and hope.

wear to a job interview (she said she's anxious to get back to work and regain her independence).

Claydon's response to the news that MCN would grant her Christmas wish was simple disbelief. "This is too good to be true," she said over and over. While the rest of Claydon's future is in her own hands, MCN hopes that a "boost" and a little proof that not everyone has given up on her will be enough to help Claydon rebuild her life.

Editor's note: And yes, Michael, I believe, too, that there is a Santa Claus.

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Mother faces bone marrow transplant

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

When Susan Seever's best friend wrote to MCN, she told us a story about courage, fear and frustration.

"I am writing to ask for a 'Special Christmas Wish' for a courageous mother of four who has faced and overcome breast cancer twice in the past four years....In July, after her last Chemotherapy, she was told the cancer has metastasized to other parts of her body. After a series of testing by the doctors at the Bar-

bara Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit it was determined that a bone marrow transplant was the only alternative," wrote Seever's friend, Anna Stidham.

Adding to the difficulties Seever faces is a difficult divorce, which is still pending, which has included a custody battle over her two youngest children, her twin sons Steven and Phillip. Seever was awarded custody of the boys, but the battle, she said, has taken its toll on her and her family.

In the midst of her chemotherapy

and custody battle, the home Seever was renting was sold, and she had to move suddenly.

Seever says that between the trips to her doctors, the time and effort involved in the custody case, and her move has left her and her children in a state of constant motion, and what she wants more than anything is some time with her family, away from the pressures and stress they've faced over the past year.

The bone marrow transplant is scheduled for after the first of the year

and she is busy getting settled into their new home. She will return to work for a few weeks and go on medical leave just a week or two before Christmas to prepare for the transplant.

We have been friends for over 20 years and she is like a sister to me. As we were talking the other evening I asked her, "If you could have any wish for Christmas what would it be?" Her response was, "Time with my children." She explained that with all the

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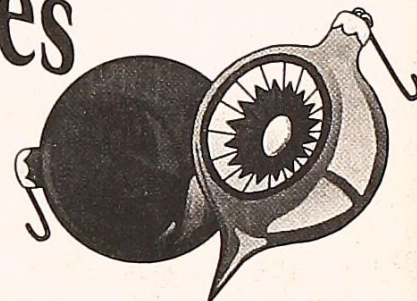
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asked for help—whether for themselves, a friend, and most often for their children—told us how hard it is to ask for help. But even the proudest and most resilient people find themselves in need of a little help and some Christmas magic from time to time, and we at MCN hope we've helped a few people find just that.

The MCN staff would like to thank and acknowledge all of the generous businesses who help us out during this most heartwarming project, as well as the families who wrote to us. You've all touched our hearts and warmed our holiday.

Time Cont. from 17

events of this past year and the coming weeks she would to be financially able to spend a few days away from it all with her children....To Susan, there is nothing more important than spending a few carefree days with her children before bringing them back home and preparing them for the possibilities of what will happen and what could happen in the coming months, wrote Stidham.

Seever told her friend she'd love to take a vacation at Disney Land with her children. She works for Spirit Airlines and can arrange a flight for her family, but she could not afford the tickets and lodging, particularly since her upcoming



Anna Stidham (in back row) wrote to us about her friend, Susan Seever, whose Christmas wish is to have a vacation with children Phillip, Robert, Cristal and Steven.

medical leave will be unpaid.

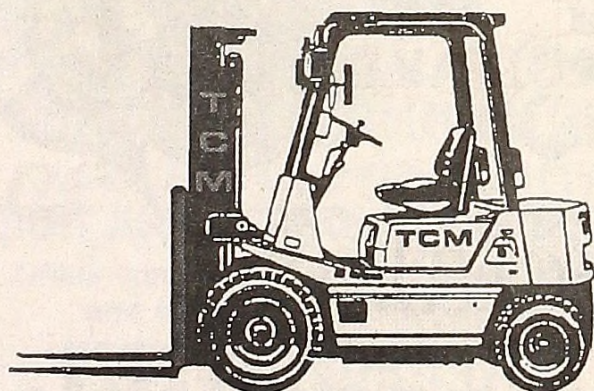
The financial pressures are mounting, explained Seever. She does receive child support, which nearly covers her rent. Her oldest son, 17-year-old Robert, has taken

on a part-time job after school to help with the utilities and groceries, but Seever says of the seven weeks she'll be on leave, "If they turn my lights off, I guess we'll just have to deal with that."

She says, though, that nearby family members and, of course, her dear friend, will help her get through the next few months, and her vacation with children will indeed prove to be the best medicine.

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Christmas Wishes,
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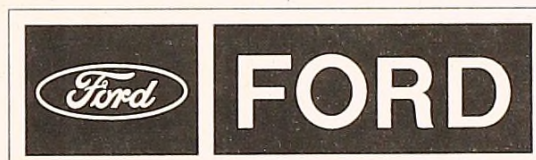
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Thank you,
W.J. of Inkster



To whom it may concern,
I am writing for this wish on behalf of my children, age 7, 7, and 4.
Our family has been hit very hard financially this year, so the kids won't be having a Christmas this year (no tree, no lights, and worst of all no gifts).

Let me tell you a little bit about our problem. First, back in January, the kids' grandfather (my father) was diagnosed with leukemia. He was given five years to live, but he only lived five months.

We buried him in June, then in May, our car was stolen when I stopped to get gas on my way to work. And when I notified my landlord that I would be late with June's rent, due to having to buy another car so I could get to and from work, he evicted us after living there for over five years!

Then after my dad died in June, we received my dad's car and it was stolen from in front a friend's house less than 24 hours after we received it. Now, after losing our house, we are having to stay with a friend and his house is small.

We can't afford to move because my paycheck is barely enough to raise three kids on and I just found out that I need knee replacement surgery on both my knees.

So I don't usually work 40 hours a week due to the pain, so it makes money even less.

I know what the kids really want most for Christmas is their own rooms in their own house again, but after someone talks to our previous landlord, they never call us back. I know that you cannot help make that wish come true. I don't think anyone can.

Could you please grant me this wish?

My daughter would like the new Cabbage Patch Babbling Baby Doll and my sons would like a stuffed dalmation puppy dog.

I am enclosing a picture of my kids so you can see who they are and maybe feel some of their sadness.

The kids have had a hard life in the last five years. They have lost their grandfather, then their father, then their greatgrandmother and now their grandfather, plus losing their house, and now no Christmas.

I don't know what to tell them about Christmas, because I can't afford to save money to move on and I can't afford to buy them any gifts, after getting gas and paying a few bills. There just isn't any money left. And God forbid if an emergency should come up.

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At the bleakest times, she turned to God and prayed that he would guide her through the trying times when it seemed to test her faith the most. And as she turned to God, her life continued with her two beautiful children and a new husband. With this came another child.

Even with a husband now in her life, times were hard with five mouths to feed. Making a minimum wage and not being able to have a lot of the necessities put a heavy strain on her marriage. Just when she thought things were turning around, she has filed for divorce.

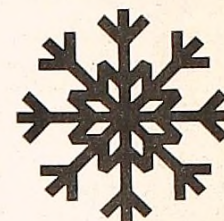
She still couldn't let her children see her despair, as she turned to her friends and family for support. It is not the kind of situation people dream of living in, but having no choice, she tried picking her head up and carrying on.

Just as soon as she jumped that hurdle more sadness hit her household as she found out the company she works for is moving her position to Texas. She will be out of a job at Thanksgiving. If this would me, I would stop to thank what I really have to be thankful for when life has dealt such a hard road to drive.

But as this story is not about me, but about "A." she has three wonderful kids to be very thankful for. As I know it is not her children's choice to be brought into this world, and it is at this point I would like to see the gleam in their eyes knowing that besides their mother's love, that others still care for them and all the needy children in the world.

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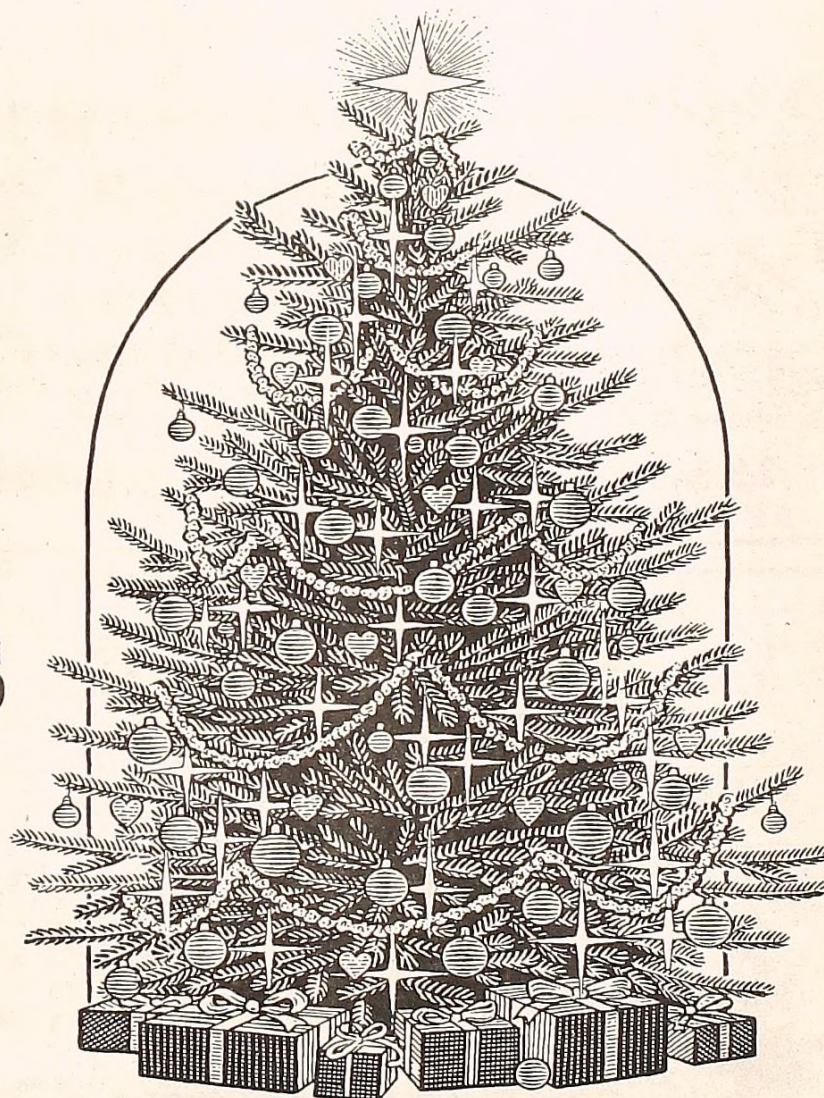
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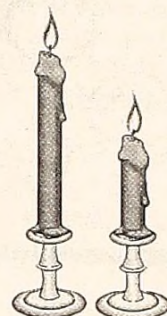
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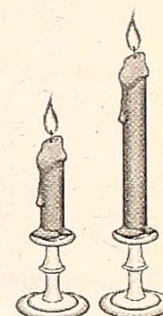
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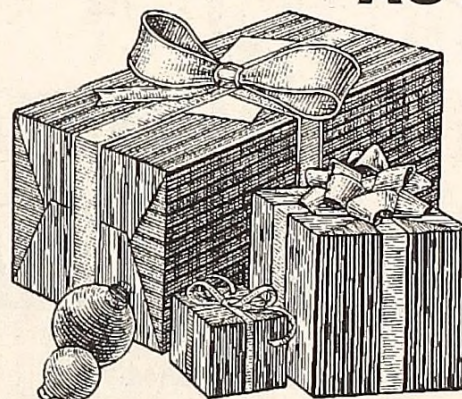
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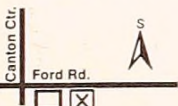


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